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CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizen Police Academy series will appear on an occasional basis and chronicle the experiences of Hardin County residents taking part in a Citizen Police Academy with the Elizabethtown Police Department.



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A member of Elizabethtown Police Department's Special Response Team searches hallways and rooms of a building during a training exercise last year.

A lesson on special response teams

Academy attendants learn about area SWAT team

By SARAH BENNETT
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Based on popular culture, one would think a SWAT (special weapons and tactics) team armed with heavy-duty police equipment enters a building with their guns blazing to rescue a hostage.

That's not the case, Sgt. Josh Richardson recently informed participants in Elizabethtown Police Department's citizen police academy.

EPD's Special Response Team is the only special operations police unit in the county,

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SARAH BENNETT/The News-Enterprise

Sgt. Josh Richardson, Elizabethtown's Special Response Team leader, presents and explains SRT equipment to participants in the department's citizen police academy. All of the equipment was purchased with grant money.

Narcotics investigator teaches residents about drug abuse in Hardin County



The citizen police academy held by the Elizabethtown Police Department includes a session on illegal drugs, including, from left, crack, crystal methamphetamine and methamphetamine. The meth in the jar had not been washed.

By SARAH BENNETT
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In 1968, when law enforcement officers discovered the first methamphetamine lab in California, it was just that — a laboratory. Those manufacturing it truly were chemists.

Today, the majority of methamphetamine production takes place in a portable lab, but it's not really a lab. It's a plastic soda bottle, Sgt. Billy Edwards told Elizabethtown Police Department's citizen police academy last Monday.

Drug abuse in Hardin County is a staple at the citizen police academies available to residents, whether

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SINCE YOU ASKED

Results of Sunday's *The News-Enterprise* online poll, as of 7 p.m.:

QUESTION: Should Native American tribes be allowed to hunt bald eagles for religious purposes?

Yes: 13 percent **No:** 87 percent

TODAY'S QUESTION: Should Kentucky change regulations to allow hunters to shoot bears during chasing?

Find the poll question under the "opinion" menu at www.thenewsenterprise.com



Young Cooks
Baking up business

SCHOOLS, C1

LOOKING BACK

ON THIS DATE IN 1962, Bob Dylan's first album, eponymously titled "Bob Dylan," was released by Columbia Records.

IN 1911, the first International Women's Day was observed with rallies and parades in Germany, Austria, Denmark and Switzerland.

IN 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal.

IN HARDIN COUNTY 30 YEARS AGO, Phyllis Brandenburg received the Elizabethtown Community College Distinguished Teacher Award for 1982. She was selected for the award by a committee of college administrators, a North Central Kentucky Education Foundation representative and ECC student representatives.

20 YEARS AGO, Lynn Crockett, a retired Vietnam veteran who had a farm near Rineyville, had a surprise — one of his Angus cattle gave birth to triplet calves, a rarity. Only about 1 in 10,000 bovine births resulted in triplets.

From News-Enterprise wire services and staff reports

TODAY'S FORECAST



TUE	WED	THUR
Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Storm chance.
82/61	80/56	69/51

AROUND KENTUCKY

	High	Low	Outlook
Fort Campbell	84	60	PtClry
Paducah	84	61	PtClry
Bowling Green	84	60	PtClry
Lexington	81	58	PtClry
Louisville	83	61	PtClry
Pikeville	82	54	PtClry
Covington	80	59	PtClry

Source: National Weather Service

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NEW MOON	FIRST QUARTER	FULL MOON	LAST QUARTER
March 22	March 30	April 6	April 13

Today's sunrise 7:49 a.m.
Today's sunset 7:54 p.m.

HIGHS/LOWS

High/low yesterday	79/59
Fort Knox NWS reporting station as of 5 p.m.	
Record high/year*	83/1907
Record low/year*	12/1923
Average high/low*	58/38

*Louisville temperature readings.

PRECIPITATION

Past 24 hours* (End 5 p.m.)	0.00
Last 30 days**	4.44
Deviation from norm	+0.59
Jan. 1-present**	8.83
Deviation from norm	+0.35

Sources: *Fort Knox, **NWS, Bardstown station

ALLERGY REPORT

National Allergy Bureau pollen and mold report for the area.	High
Trees	High
Weeds	Absent
Grass	Absent
Mold	Low

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Tobacco barn deemed a landmark

The Associated Press

MURRAY — The Kentucky Heritage Council has recognized a tobacco barn in western Kentucky as a landmark in the area.

Built in the 1880s, the log frame barn was part of the Arnett Farm in southwest Calloway County. A descendent of the

family, Sam Arnett, told the *Murray Leger & Times* that he sought historic recognition for the barn as a way to signify the cultural importance of tobacco in the region.

Arnett worked in tobacco fields while growing up in the 1980s and 90s alongside families who have been in the industry for hundreds of years, he said.

"In the summer-time, we would work in tobacco and bale hay, and in the wintertime, we would take tobacco down, strip it and box it and send it off," Arnett said. "That really got us through high school, and I bought my first car with money I earned from tobacco."

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The agreements differ from hospital to hospital but they all give staff at the community hospitals access to training and education.

That includes more than 500 online courses in 19 disciplines and management and leadership development classes in Louisville and at the respective hospitals.

The agreements also will lead to several new subspecialty clinics and clinical services in local communities, in areas such as cancer and obstetrics.

And the agreements offer potential access to Norton's new electronic medical record software.

Esposito said the community hospitals pay in the range of a few hundred dollars a month for the services.

DAILY BRIEFING

LOUISVILLE

Air Guard units receive service awards

Three Kentucky Air National Guard units have received prestigious awards for their service.

The awards were given out Sunday during a ceremony at a Louisville Air Base hangar.

Richard Reed, special assistant to President Barack Obama, bestowed the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to the 123rd Airlift Wing. Reed said it was the 15th time the unit has received the award, making it "one of the most decorated units in the Air Force."

In addition, the Organizational Excellence Award was given to the Air Guard's Headquarters unit and a Meritorious Unit Award went to the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron.

FRANKFORT

Another disaster recovery center opens

Another disaster recovery center has opened in eastern Kentucky.

The center in Inez opened Sunday for people who had property damage or other hardships from severe storms and tornadoes that passed through the area Feb. 29-March 3.

Representatives from several agencies including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Small Business Administration and Kentucky State Unemployment Services are at the center to give resident information about disaster assistance programs and to help them apply for aid.

MAYFIELD

Two die in house fire

An official says two people have died and one was injured in a house fire in western Kentucky.

Mayfield Fire Detective Lt. Brent Farmer said Sunday morning that an adult male and female were killed in the blaze.

A third adult, who was male, was taken to Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. His condition wasn't immediately known.

Identities haven't been released pending notification of kin.

From News-Enterprise wire services

CORRECTION

The News-Enterprise is committed to accuracy in its news reports. Confirmed factual errors will be corrected in this space daily. To request a correction, readers can call 769-1200, Ext. 8290, or email ne@thenewspaper.com.

MISSPELLED NAME: The name of Brig. Gen. Jeffreys A. Smith, who will assume command responsibilities for U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox, was spelled incorrectly in Sunday's print edition of *The News-Enterprise*.

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Republican Catholics cool so far to Rick Santorum

GOP candidate looking to become second Catholic U.S. president

By KASIE HUNT
The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — At El Sendero De La Cruz evangelical church, Rick Santorum sought prayers along with votes.

He told the San Juan congregation that he felt "very blessed" to be with people of faith and said he can withstand the demands of campaigning because of the many people like them he meets while running for president.

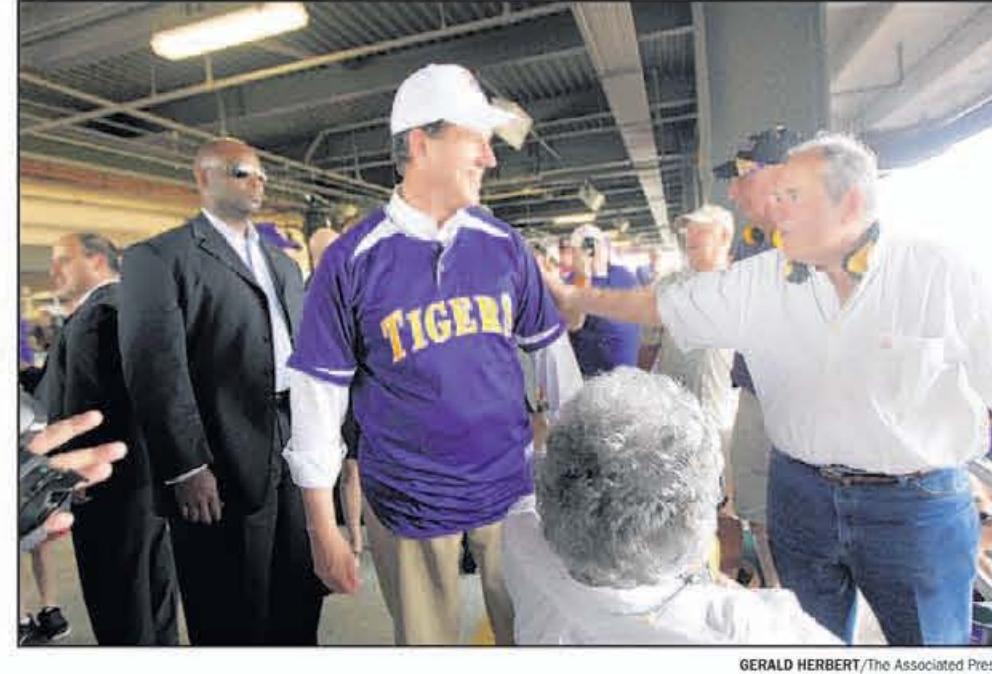
"The first thing they almost always say to me, 'I'm praying for you,'" Santorum said. "It works."

It's the kind of spirit-infused language that is helping Santorum connect with evangelical Republicans, who have fueled his strong showing in state after state. Yet, in one of the more puzzling developments among many in the GOP contest, he's nowhere near as successful with his fellow Roman Catholics.

Across all states where Republican primary voters were asked their religion in exit polls, Mitt Romney, a Mormon, trounced Santorum among Catholics, with an average margin of victory above 20 percentage points. Even in Southern states, where Romney has struggled, Catholics broke his way.

On Sunday, overwhelmingly Catholic Puerto Rico was holding its primary.

Catholics haven't voted as a bloc in decades, lead-



Republican presidential candidate, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, greets LSU fans Sunday at the LSU vs. Mississippi State NCAA college baseball game at Alex Box Stadium in Baton Rouge, La.

GERALD HERBERT/The Associated Press

ROMNEY SAILS TO PUERTO RICO WIN, ILLINOIS UP NEXT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney has sailed to a win in Puerto Rico's GOP presidential primary over chief rival Rick Santorum.

That's according to Enrique Melendez, the Republican representative on the Puerto Rican State Electoral Commission.

He tells The Associated

Press that Romney will top 50 percent and win all 20 of the island's delegates to the Republican presidential nominating convention in August.

Next up is Illinois on Tuesday. Polls show Romney and Santorum locked in a close race there.

ing analysts to declare "the Catholic vote" as such doesn't exist. Still, the results are surprising given that the former Pennsylvania senator puts Catholicism at the center of his public service and personal life.

Known for attending Mass almost daily, Santorum organized a Catholic study group for lawmakers when he served in Congress, has fought abortion and defended traditional marriage. He cites his faith for his support for

humanitarian work, such as financing programs that fight AIDS in Africa. He has home-schooled his seven children and sent some to private schools affiliated with the Catholic movement Opus Dei. Santorum has said that growing up north of Pittsburgh, his parents expected him to attend church every Sunday without fail.

"You had to basically be dead not to go," he said in a 2005 interview with the *New York Times*. Religious identity is not

as much of a consideration for Catholic voters as it is for members of some other faiths.

Only 1 in 5 Catholics on average said it mattered "a great deal" that a candidate share their religious beliefs, compared with one-third of non-Catholics in exit polls that asked the question.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, also Catholic, on average trails Santorum among Catholics.

In the 2004 race, Democrat John Kerry was the first Catholic presidential candidate from a major party since John F. Kennedy in 1960. Still, Kerry lost Catholics in the general election to President George W. Bush, a Protestant who emphasized his born-again religious conversion.

Obama administration outlines options on birth control coverage

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration signaled Friday it's willing to help insurance companies offset the cost of providing free birth control to women working at church-affiliated institutions such as hospitals and colleges.

By finding a way to make the middlemen whole, the administration may be able to extricate itself from an unexpected political furor over birth control that has mobilized partisans across the political spectrum a half-century after the advent of the pill.

A 32-page regulatory proposal unveiled Friday offered options for providing free birth control to women whose employers object to contraception on religious grounds. The government now classifies birth control as preventive care, and President Barack Obama's health care law requires health plans to cover prevention at no cost to the consumer.

Churches, synagogues, mosques and other institutions whose primary purpose is to propagate faith are exempt from the mandate. But when the administration sought to impose the requirement on religious nonprofits serving the public, it triggered a backlash. That forced President Barack Obama to offer a compromise: insurers, not religious employers would bear the responsibility.

Friday's proposal lists options for carrying out the president's compromise without forcing insurers to bear the whole cost — or tempting them to engineer backdoor maneuvers to recoup money from religious institutions that object to birth control.

Administration officials are seeking public comment for 90 days and will sift the responses before making any final decision.

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Elizabethtown Independent Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Central Office, POC: 765-6146.

E'town City Council, 4:30 p.m., City Hall, 200 W. Dixie Ave., E'town.

Legal and Financial Planning for Dementia, 1 p.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town, sponsored by The Alzheimer's Association. Learn how to plan legally and financially for a loved one who is experiencing dementia. POC: Joanna Weiss, (502) 451-4266 or Joanna.weiss@alz.org.

TUESDAY

Hardin Memorial Hospital Health 411 program – Healthy Pregnancy, 7:30 p.m., HMH fifth floor auditorium, featuring Dr. David Hamilton (obstetrics/gynecology), Samantha Port, RN, MSN (OB educator), and Amy Straney, RN (childbirth educator). No charge. Health information and educational resources available. Register at www.hmh.net or call 737-4464.

Hardin Memorial Hospital board of trustees, 8:30 a.m., Hardin Memorial Hospital, POC: 765-2350.

Radcliff City Council regular meeting, 6:30 p.m.. POC: 351-4714.

Republican Party of Kentucky Chairman Steve Robertson will speak at 6 p.m. at Nolin RECC, 411 Ring Road, E'town, at the Hardin County Republican Women's Club meeting. POC: PostalPete20117@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY

Central Kentucky Community Action Area Board of Directors meeting, 2:30 p.m., Lincoln Trail Office, 613 College Street Road, E'town. POC: 692-2136.

E'town Heritage Council, 8 a.m., Historic State Theater, 209 W. Dixie Ave., E'town.

Gardeners Toolbox Series of classes, 6 p.m. (How to Grow Lettuce), Hardin County Extension Service, 201 Peterson Drive, E'town. \$5 each class. POC: 765-4121 or www.hardinext.org.

Government commodity foods distributed from 9 a.m.-noon, at corner of Central Ave. and Poplar St., in E'town at the former Herb Jones body shop parking lot, behind Helping Hand of Hope and across from the Justice Center, for southern Hardin County residents; for northern Hardin County residents, the distribution is from 9 a.m.-noon at St. Christopher Church gym, Wilson Road, Radcliff. Proof of residence and self-certification of income eligibility required to receive box of commodity items. Distribution is at this time the third Wednesday of each month. POC: Feeding America of Kentucky's Heartland, 769-6997, or Helping Hand of Hope, 769-3092.

Vine Grove Junior Firefighters, 7 p.m., Vine Grove Fire Station, 513 Highland Ave., Vine Grove; open to all young ladies and men age 14-18 who want to learn about firefighting or other emergency service careers. Parents welcome to meet with advisers and observe program. POC: Ken Lucey, program adviser, 272-4488.

THURSDAY

Relay for Life Survivor dinner, 6:30 p.m., Hodgenville First Baptist Church gym; survivors are guests at the event; they may bring one other guest for the cost of \$5. Deadline to RSVP has passes.

FRIDAY

Benefit auction for the Colvin family, 6 p.m., Upton Community Center, sponsored by family and friends. Amie Colvin has had many medical issues for several years and recently has been hospitalized twice; the family has extensive medical bills. To donate items or for information, call 369-6232 or 234-4508.

Clash of the Commonwealth, 6:30 p.m., Elizabethtown High School gym. \$3 admission. EHS and Helmwood Heights faculties will play T.K. Stone and Morningside Elementary faculties at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., kindergarten through 12th grade students will warm up with Western Kentucky University and University of Kentucky dodgeball players. At 7:30 p.m., WKU vs. UK Clash of the Commonwealth dodgeball game. Concessions available. Proceeds benefit EHS Project Graduation. POC: Kelly Cruze, 234-3157.

Fish fry, 5-7 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 1851 Leitchfield Road, E'town. Fish dinners (two pieces of fish or six shrimp with fries, slaw, hush puppy, mac and cheese, bread dessert and drink) \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Carry-out available. Proceeds benefit K of C general funds and charitable activities. POC: William Herald, 737-7424.

Fish fry, 5-8 p.m., Stephensburg Masonic Lodge Hall, Ky. 86 near Cecilia. Fish, chicken or shrimp dinner with two sides, \$6. POC: 369-9673.

Fish fry, 5-8 p.m., Morrison Lodge No. 76, 125 N. Mulberry St., E'town. Choose from three types of fish, cole slaw, baked beans, bread and drink for \$6. Proceeds go to lodge building fund. POC: Bill, 234-4154.

Fish fry, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Faith Apostolic Church, 408 Nicholas St., E'town. \$8 for fish sandwich, two sides and a homemade dessert; dine in or carry out. POC: 737-8510 or 737-5425.

Longview Homemakers Pancake breakfast, Longview United Methodist Church, 4320 S. Wilson Road, E'town. Small breakfast, \$4; large breakfast, \$5. POC: Debbie Bussey, 272-2364.

SATURDAY

Adopt-a-pet event, Animal Refuge Center in Vine Grove, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. POC: 877-6064.

Basic Computer Skills class, 10-11 a.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town; class is for those new to computers. POC: 769-6337.

Ducks Unlimited's "Sportman's Night Out", 6 p.m., VFW Post 10281, 299 Briggs Lane, Vine Grove, sponsored by the Ducks Unlimited Fort Knox Committee. 2012 marks the 75th anniversary for DU's habitat conservation mission which benefits wildlife and people. POC: Robert Gilpin, 900-1254.

Hardin Memorial Hospital Health Expo 2012, 'Spring Into Health', 9 a.m.-noon, HMH fifth floor auditorium. Free screenings, informational booths on health care issues and medical services including cancer care, diabetes management, digestive disorders, hip/knee replacement, weight management, prenatal care and more. POC: www.hmh.net or 737-4464.

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DEATHS

Edward H. Cummings II

(Major Retired) Edward H. Cummings, II, 92, of Elizabethtown, passed away Thursday, March 15, 2012, in Aiken, S.C.

Edward was born in Dedham, Mass., on July 25, 1919. He resided at his home at 510 N. Main St. in Elizabethtown for 46 years with his beloved wife, Wanda Catherine Cummings.

Major Cummings served our nation for 22 years; his Army service included 3rd Armored, 4th Armored, 13th Calvary, 86th Infantry Regiment attachment to the 10th mountain division in northern Italy during World War II, tank commander, instructor at Ft. Knox Armored School, and he served in the Korean Conflict. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a dedicated professional soldier, patriotic in his allegiance to our nation. Maj. Cummings was a mentor to members of his family who followed his allegiance and dedication in defense of our nation serving in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air National Guard, a total of more than 200 years of service.

He was an avid outdoorsman, an accomplished marksman with the U.S. Army EUCOM Pistol Team. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Kosair Shrine Temple. He was a member of College Heights United Methodist Church, the Retired Officers Association and Clan Cummings Association of North America.

Retirement allowed Edward to further enjoy his hobbies, wood working, gardening, following Green Bay Packers and University of Kentucky Wildcats basketball. He was a lifelong historian visiting Europe and Civil War battlefields; he maintained an extensive library of American history.

Major Cummings was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Catherine Logsdon Cummings; his parents, Edward H. Cummings Sr. and Marie Hinds Cummings; a sister, Natalie; brothers, Winthrop, Elbridge, Clayton; and a son-in-law, Stanley Mercer Colvin.

Survivors include four children, Mary Stewart Colvin of Asheville, N.C., Wanda Cummings (James) Hughes of Houston, CSM (Ret) Edward H. (Fran) Cummings, III of North Augusta, S.C. and Alice Cummings (Eddie) Stefanini of Orange Park, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, CW3 (Ret) David (Kathy) Colvin, Cindi (CW 4 (Ret) Dutch) Fridd, Scott (Rhonda) Colvin, Jim (Fay) Hughes, Andrea Hughes, Allison (Jose) Rico, Edward H. Cummings IV, Stacy Cummings, Alicia (Tony) Stewart, and Shane (Melissa) Cloar; and 14 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral is at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brown Funeral Home with Rev. Earl West officiating. Burial with full military honors follows in Hardin Memorial Park.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Wounded Warriors Project, www.woundedwarriors.org.

Condolences may be expressed at www.brownfuneralhome.com.



CUMMINGS

Wilma Rider

Wilma Rider, 86, of Upton, passed away Friday, March 16, 2012, at Sunrise Manor in Hodgenville.

She was a member of Lucas Grove Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Rider; her father, Claude Hardy; her mother, Mona Tuttle Hardy Strange; and one sister, Tootsie Miller.

She is survived by three sons, Albert (Susan) Rider of Upton; Ronnie Rider of Upton; and Mike Rider of Upton; two daughters, Bonnie (Jerry) Jolly of Sonora; Carol (Don) Green of Munfordville; a sister, Martha (Al) Lenardon of Sonora; a brother-in-law, Everett (Anna Jean) Rider of Upton; grandchildren, Julie, Adam, Samantha, Michael, Keith, Michael Hardy, Thomas, Amy, Steven and Maggie; and three great grandchildren. A funeral is at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at Lucas Grove Baptist Church in Upton with Rev. Brandon Sehein officiating. Burial is at the Sonora Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Manakee Funeral Home in Upton and from 9 a.m. until time of service Tuesday at Lucas Grove Baptist Church in Upton.

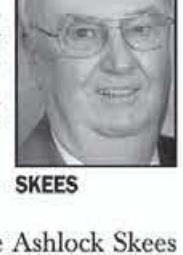
The family request memorial contributions be given to Lucas Grove Baptist Church.

Condolences may be expressed at www.manakeefuneralhome.com.

Richard 'Lanny' Skees

Richard "Lanny" Skees, 67, of Sonora, passed away Saturday, March 17, 2012, at Norton Hospital in Louisville.

He was a member of St. James Catholic Church. He was retired from the State with 32 years of service as a dairy farm inspector. He was a life long farmer, a teacher at Sonora Elementary and a past president of Sonora Optimist Club. Lanny was a Vietnam Army Veteran.



SKEES

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Mary Reed Skees.

He is survived by his wife, Normaline Ashlock Skees of Sonora; two nephews, Larry D. (Angela) Ashlock and Nathan (Amy) Ashlock; a brother-in-law, Larry G. (Pam) Ashlock; his best buddy, Greg McMurtry; and his dog, Murphy.

A funeral is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at St. James Catholic Church in Elizabethtown with Rev. Chuck Walker officiating. Burial is in St. James Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday March 20, 2012, and continues from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

There is a prayer service at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Manakee Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at www.manakeefuneralhome.com.

LAST CHAPTER

Shirley Alice Howerson Hood

Shirley Alice Howerson Hood, 60, of Big Clifty, died Saturday, March 17, 2012, in Letchfield.

She was a member of the Jehovah's Witness and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Henry David Hood of Big Clifty; two sons, Josiah Hood of Letchfield and Malachi Hood of Clarkson; a daughter, Clara Naomi Hood of Clarkson; a brother, Ray Howerson of Idaho; and three grandchildren.

The family has chosen cremation. No service is scheduled at this time.

Condolences can be made at ollerbrothersfuneralhomes.com.

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Memorial Gardens in Radcliff. Visitation continues at 10 a.m. today at the funeral home.

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Danny Ray Cantwell, 58, of Radcliff, died Thursday, March 15, 2012. The funeral is at 11 a.m. Monday at Nelson-Edelen-Bennett Funeral Home in Radcliff with burial in North Hardin

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Grace Louise Johnson, 89, of Elizabethtown, passed away Thursday March 15, 2012, at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown. The funeral is at 2 p.m. today at Bennett-Bertram Funeral Home in Hodgenville. Cremation follows. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Funeral Home in Hodgenville. Burial follows in Buffalo Cemetery. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Harold Jennes Priddy, 79, of Hodgenville, died Saturday, March 17, 2012, at Sunrise Manor Nursing Home in Hodgenville. The funeral is at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bennett-Bertram Funeral Home in Hodgenville. Cremation follows. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Ethel Lee (Stark) Lovell, 89, formerly of Vine Grove, passed away Friday, March 16, 2012, at Redbanks Nursing Home in Henderson. The funeral is at 2 p.m. today at the chapel of Coffey & Chism Funeral Home in Vine Grove with Dr. Daniel S. Lovell officiating. Burial follows.

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF

FATE OF HEALTH CARE LAW LIES WITH 4 GOP-APPOINTED SUPREME COURT JUSTICES; OBAMA NEEDS 1 TO WIN. Here's a thought that can't comfort President Barack Obama: The fate of his health care overhaul rests with four Republican-appointed Supreme Court justices.

His most sweeping domestic achievement could be struck down if they stand together with Justice Clarence Thomas, another GOP appointee who is the likeliest vote against.

But the good news for Obama is that he probably needs only one of the four to side with him to win approval of the law's crucial centerpiece, the requirement that almost everyone in this country has insurance or pays a penalty.

Lawyers with opposing views of the issue uniformly agree that the four Democratic-appointed justices, including Obama's two picks, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, will have no trouble concluding that Congress did not overstep its authority in adopting the insurance requirement that is aimed at sharply reducing the now 50 million people without insurance.

ISRAELI OFFICIALS AGREE WITH U.S. THAT IRAN HASN'T DECIDED ON BOMB, BUT FEAR ITS POTENTIAL. Despite saber-rattling from Jerusalem, Israeli officials now agree with the U.S. assessment that Tehran has not

**DOG WILD**

A small dog takes in the scenery Saturday from the back of a Harley Davidson in Dubuque, Iowa.

yet decided on the actual construction of a nuclear bomb, according to senior Israeli government and defense figures.

Even so, there is great concern in Israel about leaving Iran "on the cusp" of a bomb — explaining why Israel continues to hint at a military attack on Iran's nuclear installations before it moves enough of them underground to protect them from Israel's bombs.

YEMEN: MORE THAN 2,000 KILLED IN YEARLONG TURMOIL, MANY TIMES ESTIMATES OF RIGHTS GROUPS. More than 2,000 people have been killed in a year of political turmoil that led to the resignation of Yemen's longtime president, the government disclosed Sunday. The figure is much higher than human rights groups estimated.

The government released its first casualty figures on a day when crowds

of protesters were marking one year since a particularly bloody day, when

dozens were killed.

ALTERNATE JUROR IN RUTGERS WEBCAM SPYING CASE DISAGREES WITH VERDICT ON ANTI-GAY INTIMIDATION. An alternate juror in the trial of a former Rutgers University student convicted in a webcam spying episode that ended in his gay roommate's suicide said he disagrees with the verdict.

James Downey said Saturday he wouldn't have voted to convict Dharun Ravi on any charges related to allegations that his actions were motivated by

anti-gay bias.

Prosecutors said Ravi set up his webcam in his dorm room and watched Tyler Clementi kissing another man Sept. 19, 2010, then tweeted about it and excitedly tried to catch Clementi in the act again two days later.

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION BACKERS PUZZLED OVER HOW TO KEEP STONED DRIVERS OFF THE ROAD. Angeline Chilton said she can't drive unless she smokes pot. The suburban Denver woman said she'd never get behind the wheel right after smoking,

but she does use medical marijuana twice a day to ease tremors caused by multiple sclerosis that previously left her home-bound.

"I don't drink and drive, and I don't smoke and drive," she said. "But my body is completely saturated with THC."

States that allow medical marijuana have grappled with determining impairment levels for years. And voters in Colorado and Washington state will decide this fall whether to legalize the drug. — AP

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Report: New iPad more expensive to make

By PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Apple appears to be making less of a profit from each new iPad than it did when it launched the previous model a year ago, according to a research firm's analysis.

IHS iSuppli took apart a new iPad on Friday, the day the device went on sale in the U.S. and nine other countries, and found that the components are more expensive than those of the iPad 2.

The third iPad comes in several versions starting at \$499, the same price as the iPad 2 at launch.

Apple has priced all three generations of the tablet aggressively, making it hard for competitors to match its features at the same price. It makes less from each iPad than from each iPhone.

As a whole, Apple is wildly profitable, earning \$33 billion in net income on \$81 billion in revenue in the last calendar year.

iSuppli said a new iPad with 32 gigabytes of RAM and a cellular modem, which costs \$729 in stores, costs \$364.35 to manufacture. That's 9 percent more than the \$335 it cost to make the corresponding iPad 2 a year ago, when it came out.

The corresponding version of the first iPad cost about \$276 to make in 2010, according to iSuppli's estimate.

The higher-resolution display and the larger battery needed to support it are the main reasons the new iPad is more expensive than the iPad 2. It has four times as many pixels as the iPad 2's screen. iSuppli estimates the display costs Apple \$87, plus \$40 for the touch-sensitive layer.

The new iPad battery has 70 percent more capacity, but the new display consumes all that additional power, so the battery life is the same as for the old model.

GO GREEN AND CASH IN BY RECYCLING YOUR OLD CAR

AS Kermit says, "It Ain't Easy Being Green!" Most people try hard to do the right thing when it comes to being green - bringing reusable cloth bags to the grocery store, hauling recyclables to the curb each week, changing out light bulbs and reducing waste, to name a few. In 2012 being green is cool and ignoring the environment is not a popular way to live, but one man is raising the bar on being green.

Local Car Dealer For The People, Tony Malito from Budget Car Sales, is taking the green thing to a whole new level in 2012. "Everybody's talking about going green so I've decided to go green my way. I'm making green a heck of a lot more fun by lining my customers' pockets with everyone's favorite green - cold hard cash."

"During my Go Green Go Campaign, I'm offering my customers up to

\$4,700.00

bonus more than their old car is worth when they trade in their car this month."

When asked about the details of the campaign, Tony Malito from Budget Car Sales explained, "With some green programs, you must buy a hybrid to qualify for savings."

GREEN LIGHT FOR BAD CREDIT
Take the first step to making your financial goals come true in 2012 at Budget Car Sales - if you don't have a car to trade, you can still choose a Go Green Go Campaign Bonus of up to \$2,700.00 to help your family reach their financial goals in 2012. "It gets even better! Individuals with bad credit can look forward to sensational news at Budget Car Sales," says Malito.

Malito says, "During the Go Green Go Campaign, not only am I offering up to \$4,700.00 bonus for any trade, I'm also giving people with bad credit a chance to get back on track by overlooking bad credit scores. Every customer will be handled with dignity and each credit application will be worked for maximum approval regardless of past credit history." And if you do choose to buy a nicer, newer certified vehicle this month, your past credit problems will stay in the past and we'll help you make a fresh start for the future. I won't let past mistakes stand in the way of you getting the nicer, newer car you deserve. I also believe everyone deserves a second chance to go along with that new car!"

"With my For The People® Credit Approval Process, we'll match you with the lender most likely to approve you today. Like any effective campaign leader, we know how to spin a deal! Let our spin machine match you with the lender most likely to understand your unique situation. Our spin doctors are better than the politicians when it comes to making miracles happen (well, almost)," Malito explained.

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At Budget Car Sales, you get the discount regardless of which car you choose to drive - ALL VEHICLES QUALIFY. Pick your favorite and cash in. I know not everyone can afford to drive a fancy hybrid."

Tony Malito understands that people appreciate help during tough economic times. Malito says,

"A lot of the American people are having to cut back a bit and I want to help them drive a car they love, while gaining the extra cash they need to upgrade their lives and their transportation."

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

When pressed about why he is throwing out such an amazing offer, paying up to \$4,700.00 bonus more for old cars, Malito responded, "My Go Green Go Campaign is a chance for me to give back and a chance for everyday people to get ahead and make their financial goals come true in 2012. I get a stocked lot and keep my business strong. Customers get much-needed cash and the opportunity to drive a nicer, newer car today. It's a win-win situation for everyone!"

The silver lining behind this campaign is that even the environment gets a boost - between the savings in gas and the improved emission situation, the Go Green Go Campaign helps the planet and the people living on it. That's something everyone can get behind!

Malito stressed, "I'm not playing around. I believe everyone deserves to drive a nicer,

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newer car and to never be stuck in a car they hate. So come on in, and find out how you can GO GREEN my way! It's a lot more fun than sorting recyclables, I promise. You'll leave with a nicer, newer car and a lot of extra cash in your pocket, even if you've had credit problems in the past. Hey Al Gore, Eat Your Heart Out!"

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IN OTHER VIEWS

Here is an example of what newspapers around the state are saying on their editorial pages as compiled by The Associated Press. The views below are not intended to represent those of The News-Enterprise editorial board.

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER ON SCAVENGING STATE HISTORIC SITES.

There's legitimate reason to complain when the General Assembly does almost nothing.

Even worse, though, is when it passes legislation that makes matters worse.

That's the risk the House will run with Senate Bill 105, which already has cleared the upper chamber.

SB 105, sponsored by Sen. Dan Seum, R-Fairdale, and Paul Hornback, R-Shelbyville, allows people to use metal detectors in state parks or monuments.

It provides that they register at the office, "if there is one," but does not require them to get permission or to provide any other information about either what they plan to do or, after the fact, what they found and where.

SB 105 is unnecessary because there already is a law, the state antiquities act, that deals with archaeological research on state and municipal property in Kentucky.

Worse, it's in conflict with that law.

George Crothers, director of the Office of State Archeology, which administers the antiquities act, said it sets out a permitting process before historic or prehistoric sites are excavated, and stipulates any artifacts discovered remain the property of the state.

When trained archeologists work, they gain information from the context as well as the artifacts, he said. ... Amateurs using metal detectors ... may discover objects but are unlikely to make detailed observations and notes that help solve the mystery of how they got there.

Even if they did surrender what they find to the proper authorities, the information is lost.

Many, though, will never turn over artifacts they find on public properties or even report them.

Kentucky's treasures instead will either be kept for their private collections or sold to the highest bidder.

The result is that both the artifacts and the information — our history — are lost to Kentucky. ...

THE COURIER-JOURNAL ON OIL PRICE POLITICS.

As if national Republicans didn't already have enough to worry about, the economy ... is showing signs of life.

It's not great, of course. But unemployment is trending downward, the stock market has been gaining more often than it loses, Europe is shaky but not crumbling, and the Obama administration has taken steps to bolster the sagging housing market. And then there is the problem for the GOP that it's far healthier than the imploding economy that George W. Bush handed over to Barack Obama in January 2009.

So, now what? The Republicans can't really think they'll win by threatening women's affordable access to contraceptives, even if they try to disguise it as some sort of religious freedom issue. Maybe voters will think Mitt Romney, who seems clueless about how most Americans live and says he doesn't care about the poor, will have their backs on economic issues. But that might be a longshot. What to do? ...

How about blaming Obama for the recent rise in oil prices, especially the cost of gasoline?

The old canard about car-hating, drilling-averse Democrats can always be trotted out again.

Well, the Republicans are doing just that. ...

All of this flies in the face of reality. Oil prices tend to go up with an improving economy (more demand) — or with a potential crisis in the Middle East or other oil-producing regions — and both of these are happening now.

Presidents and Congress have little ability to influence oil prices ... And the insistence of Republican candidates and leaders that the U.S. wage or threaten war with Iran would drive oil prices up more than any other factor.



BBB commends savvy consumers



CATHY WILLIAMSON

The Better Business Bureau is commending savvy consumers. Consumers asked BBBs across the Country and in Canada for help more than 103 million times in 2011, up from 87 million in 2010 and the highest rate in the organization's 100-year history. Conversely, filings of formal complaints against businesses were down across the U.S. and Canada; 927,000 in 2011 compared to just more than 1 million in 2010.

There are 116 BBBs across North America. BBB maintains reviews on more than 4 million businesses and grades them based on complaint histories, responsiveness to customers, licensing, legal and government action, and other factors. Of those businesses, 400,000 are accredited and meet the BBB Code of Business Practices and are permitted to display the BBB logo.

The top industry for inquiries was roofing contractors with 3,343,214, up 38.8 percent over 2010. Here is a list of the top 10 inquiries for 2011:

- Roofing contractors – 3,343,214 (up 38.8 percent from 2010)
- Contractors – general – 2,232,022 (up 71.4 percent from 2010)
- Auto dealers – used – 1,606,226 (up 40.6 percent from 2010)

Auto repair and service – 1,581,440 (up 63.8 percent from 2010)

- Plumbers – 1,524,559 (up 49.9 percent from 2010)
- Auto dealers – new – 1,517,950 (up 26 percent from 2010)
- Mortgage brokers – 1,471,565 (up 14.5 percent from 2010)
- Construction and remodeling services – 1,293,423 (up 36.4 percent from 2010)
- Heating and air conditioning 1,227,787 (up 19.4 percent from 2010)
- Movers 1,205,158 (up 3.3 percent from 2010)

Complaints are formal procedures consumers file against a particular business when they have a problem they cannot resolve on their own. Every complaint is examined by an investigator at a local BBB and a company is given 30 days to respond. About 95 percent of complaints are resolved at this level; the rest go to mediation or arbitration. BBB has trained mediators and arbitrators in every state and province in North America.

Here are the top 10 industries with complaints in 2011:

- Cellular telephone service and equipment – 38,420 (up 40.8 percent from 2010)
- Auto dealers – new – 25,983 (up 5.2 percent from 2010)
- Television – cable, CATV and satellite – 25,518 (down 17.6 percent from 2010)
- Collection agencies – 18,090 (up 13.9 percent from 2010)
- Auto dealers – used – 16,264 (up 12 percent from 2010)
- Banks – 15,989 (down 29.4 percent from 2010)
- Telephone companies – 15,691 (up 65.2 percent from 2010)
- Heating and air conditioning 12,277,787 (up 19.4 percent from 2010)
- Furniture – retail – 14,521 (up 11.5 percent from 2010)
- Auto repair and service – 14,490 (up 10 percent from 2010)

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Some industries saw big improvements over the past year. Complaints about health and medical products fell 61 percent, vitamins and food supplements fell 49 percent, satellite equipment and supplies fell 46 percent, vacation certificates and vouchers fell 45 percent, complaints about small business loans were down 38 percent.

Turn to WILLIAMSON, A7

Public information needs interpretation, context

The just-announced move by Encyclopaedia Britannica to end its print editions after 244 years of publishing came by happenstance in the middle of Sunshine Week, an annual campaign nationwide in support of freedom of information.

The great general reference work for many generations continues in digital form, like so much of the news, information, literature and art of our age.

In that form, it will continue to provide background and insight that, in the final 2010 edition, includes articles by experts and practitioners as diverse as golfer Arnold Palmer on the Masters tournament, Nobel laureate



GENE POLICINSKI

ates on art and science, and former President Bill Clinton on the 1995 peace accords in Serbia and Bosnia.

The Britannica announcement during Sunshine Week is an ironic reminder that although lists and piles of data are basic, it's often context, interpretation and perspective that move reams of figures and findings into the realms of the informative and useful.

A day or so before Britannica said it no longer wished to rule the print waves, the Society

of Professional Journalists issued a Sunshine Week report on the difficulty journalists and others have in reaching government experts who can bring a story or a meaning to information that's "available" but requires analysis to be understood.

The surveyed journalists — about 170 working in the Washington, D.C., area — said barriers to reaching experts on the public payroll include having to get pre-approval from public affairs officers to talk to other federal staffers, having those officers decide which experts are available, and having an inhibiting or obstructive "monitor" present during an interview. Not to mention outright stonewalling

on sensitive issues.

About 85 percent of the journalists who responded to the SPJ survey agreed that "The public is not getting the information it needs because of barriers agencies are imposing."

Granted, it may well be that a process is needed both to direct inquiries to the right place and to prevent scientists and other experts from being overwhelmed when their particular bit or byte of data draws public interest. A simple online directory of government staffers and their areas of focus or knowledge would be a good place to start.

Of course, there's always the possibility experts will disagree, or depart from the political

line or message being crafted by an elected official. But that's what the marketplace of ideas — the fundamental principle on which a self-governing society depends — is all about: differing voices, some opposed on issues or facts, doing verbal battle in the public square.

Our nation's founders embraced that idea, believing that, in the end, truth would emerge.

Facts without accountable, identifiable expertise behind them leave us exposed to entities such as Wikipedia — a noble idea of self-correcting data, but one that can degenerate into ping-pong matches of back-and-forth edits.

In some ways, that's freedom of information — with a strong dose of "re-

ceivers beware." When it comes to information collected, collated and kept by our vast state and federal government agencies, however, citizens deserve something more: information and explanation they can rely on, and help in understanding it all.

We deserve access to information rooted in a process that operates speedily and with transparency — without public relations nannies. Facts may speak for themselves, but when it comes to public facts, so should the people who are on the public payroll to assemble, assess and explain them.

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UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S HEADLINES

Afghanistan increasingly looks like Iraq

By ANNE GEARAN
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — Afghanistan is not Iraq, U.S. officials have been fond of saying from the first days of Barack Obama's presidency.

The difference, they said, was that one war Obama inherited, in Afghanistan, was worth fighting while the other, in Iraq, was best ended as quickly as possible.

Now, Afghanistan has turned into Iraq: an inconclusive slogan in which the United States cannot always tell enemy from friend. And like Iraq, Obama has concluded Afghanistan is best put to rest.

Just as he patterned his troop "surge" in Afghanistan on a successful military strategy in Iraq, now Obama is patterning his withdrawal from Afghanistan on the Iraq template as well.

Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron said Wednesday that NATO forces would hand over the lead combat role to Afghanistan forces next year as the U.S. and its allies aim to get out by the end of 2014.

It's a gradual step away from the front lines, while pushing indigenous forces to take greater and greater responsibility. It's also a gradual lowering of expectations for a country whose internal divisions and customs bewildered the Americans sent to help and where the U.S. national security goals were often poorly understood.

"Why is it that poll numbers indicate people are interested in ending the war in Afghanistan?" a contemplative Obama asked during a Rose Garden news conference Wednesday. "It's because we've been there for 10 years, and peo-



CHARLES DHARAPAK/The Associated Press
President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron take part in a joint news conference in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

ple get weary."

Obama and Cameron stressed they will not walk out on Afghanistan, whose uneven military is not up to the task of defending the country. But Obama in particular seemed keen to show he does not have a tin ear.

Afghanistan is Obama's war — the one he willingly expanded and redefined as a frontal assault on al-Qaida — but like Iraq for former President George W. Bush, the Afghanistan war is becoming political baggage.

Americans have little enthusiasm for the Afghanistan mission in this election year, and a string of violent or distasteful incidents involving U.S. forces have refocused national attention on whether the war is achieving its goals.

The resentment and contempt each side feels for the other appears to have reached some breaking point in Afghanistan, with a rising number of killings of American troops by Afghan recruits this year. The relationship was far

from perfect in Iraq, but fratricide was rare by comparison.

Six in 10 Americans see the war as not worth its costs, according to a *Washington Post-ABC* News poll conducted before news emerged of a massacre of Afghan civilians.

Just 35 percent said the war has been worthwhile. More Americans opposed the war than supported it for nearly two years, but the implications are stark eight months before the presidential election.

Opposition to the war is bipartisan, and for the first time the *Post-ABC* poll showed more Republicans "strongly" see the war as not worth fighting as say the opposite.

"When I came into office there has been drift in the Afghanistan strategy, in part because we had spent a lot of time focusing on Iraq instead," Obama said, a bit defensively.

"Over the last three years we have refocused attention on getting Afghanistan right. Would my preference had been that we start-

ed some of that earlier? Absolutely. But that's not the cards that were dealt."

He claimed his strategy has brought the war around the corner. He was careful not to predict victory, or use any of the traditional language of war.

"We're making progress, and I believe that we're going to be able to make our — achieve our objectives in 2014," he said.

In the same poll, a majority of Americans said they think a majority of Afghans are opposed to what the NATO-led mission is trying to accomplish. A majority also said the U.S. should withdraw troops even before the Afghan army is able to stand on its own.

Obama used Cameron's visit to endorse a shift toward a back-seat advisory role for U.S. forces in Afghanistan next year, although the war will go on for another year or more. That follows the model of Iraq in 2010, when U.S. forces symbolically pulled back and placed their Iraqi hosts in charge.

He said any sudden drawdown of U.S. forces in unlikely in Afghanistan. If he follows the Iraq model, the reduction will be steady and permanent, and taken with an absence of fanfare. The U.S. has roughly 90,000 troops in Afghanistan. Obama plans to drop that number to 68,000 by late September but has offered no specific withdrawal plan after that. Britain has the second-largest force in Afghanistan with about 9,500 troops.

Britain is pulling about 500 troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2012, leaving around 9,000 personnel, mainly based in the center of the southern Helmand province.

Officials in London have already cautioned against public hopes that large numbers of troops will be able to leave in the first half of 2013.

Cameron emphasized the scaling back of ambitions since 2001, acknowledging "we will not build a perfect Afghanistan" by the time international forces withdraw. Where his predecessors hailed efforts to improve education, health care and governance, Cameron took office in 2010 saying he would accelerate the training of Afghan troops and police.

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Obama came into office with an end date in Iraq already set by his predecessor — Dec. 31, 2011. Obama stuck to that schedule but added his own "end of combat" date — Aug. 31, 2010. That gave U.S. forces the remaining months to hand off security control to the Iraqis. By the end, American casualties were rare and U.S. troops often had little to do.

The U.S. and its allies have not yet set a precise "end of combat" date in Afghanistan, although the mid-2013 target Obama articulated Wednesday looks to be the same thing. That calendar would give approximately the same amount of time for U.S. and allied forces to complete the security handoff to Afghan forces.

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By the time the U.S. forces switched to the advisory role in Iraq, the back of the Sunni insurgency had been broken. The same cannot be said for the Taliban-led insurgency in Afghanistan.

WILLIAMSON

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cent, extended warranty contract service companies down 38 percent, buying clubs down 35 percent, loans were down 35 percent, complaints about mortgage brokers fell 31 percent, and banks fell 30 percent.

There were quite a few industries with increases in complaints, but one industry stood out more than any other: payday loan companies had 159 percent more complaints than in 2010. Other industries with

an increase in complaints: book publishers rose 72 percent; cellular telephone equipment/supplies up 64 percent, and telephone companies up 64 percent; electronic equipment repair and service rose 54 percent; florists complaints rose 52 percent; travel clubs were up 48 percent; general merchandise retail increased 46 percent; insurance services rose 43 percent; and skin care rose 41 percent.

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DEAR ABBY

Celebrated playwright gets scant reply at home



JEANNIE PHILLIPS

Dear Abby: I am an amateur playwright. Our local theater sponsors an annual playwriting contest. The prize isn't monetary, but something far more important to an author — a full-scale production of the play.

I have won this prize four times — more than any other writer in the history of the contest. But is my family impressed? Not at all. My wife told me she thinks I write everything the same way and have simply repeated myself four times. Her put-downs are deeply hurtful.

I am up in years. It's unlikely I will ever again win this prize. So how do I respond to such indifference? What do you do when you feel you have accomplished something important and the response is, "So, what else is new?" — Looking For Validation in Florida

■ Dear Looking For Validation: My hat's off to you. That you have won this prize more than any other writer in the history of the contest is a notable achievement, and one that's not likely to be matched for a long time — if ever. Attend the production, take your well-earned bow in the spotlight, and accept that the less you look to your wife for validation, the happier your life will be.

AM I BEING NAIVE? Dear Abby: About a year ago, my fiancee, "Jayne," reconnected with her childhood friend through Facebook.

"Christine" is gay, unattached and very attractive. She has a great personality, and everyone who meets her seems to be attracted to her. Jayne and Christine have had overnights together. I have asked my fiancee if Christine has ever made advances toward her and she said no. I want to believe her, but part of me is wary.

They are now planning to go on a trip for a few days to an island. Jayne says she loves me and that I have nothing to be jealous about. Am I

'TWEEN 12 & 20

I want my son drug-free



ROBERT WALLACE

Dr. Wallace: The destruction caused by fanatical terrorists all over the world has shaken me to the core of my being. I will never get over their evil acts on innocent humans. But my life and responsibility as a parent must continue.

I am a single mom supporting a 13-year-old son. When I was a teen, I was involved in drugs, and they almost destroyed my life. So far, I'm sure my child is drug-free, and I want to keep it that way. Just to make sure, any help you can give me will be deeply appreciated. — Mother, San Francisco, Calif.

■ Mother: PRIDE (Parent Resource Institute for Drug Education) offers 10 suggestions to help children resist drugs. I know they will help all parents:

1. Always remember that you are your child's most influential role model.

2. Set expectations and follow through. Be clear that you want no drug or alcohol use, and say what you'll do if he or she does not meet the expectation. Then do it if necessary.

3. Keep reminding the child about the expectations. Reinforcement will cause the child to realize that you are serious on this matter.

4. Take advantage of teachable moments. Discuss newspaper articles

involving people in trouble because of illegal drugs or alcohol.

5. Know what's going on in your child's life — at home, at school and out with friends. Most experts feel the No. 1 cause of drug abuse is peer pressure.

6. Know the parents of your child's friends. Parents must communicate with other parents and need to share what their standards are.

7. Encourage worthwhile activities such as scouting, church and school activities, and participation in athletics. Boredom is one main reason kids get involved in drugs.

8. Be supportive of community anti-drug programs. It shows that you are taking an interest in drug awareness.

9. Know what you are talking about when you discuss drug abuse. Nothing will turn off a child faster than incorrect information.

10. Know and recognize the signs of drug or alcohol abuse, and act swiftly if you suspect your child of involvement.

Email Dr. Robert Wallace at rwallace@galesburg.net.

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Neighbors

SUPPORT GROUPS CALENDAR

HOW TO USE THIS COLUMN.

Support group meetings and events are published at no charge in this calendar on Mondays. Items for the calendar must be turned in by noon Wednesday. POC refers to "point of contact." Area codes are listed only for phone numbers outside the 270 area code. Listings not updated within a year will be removed. To update or submit a calendar entry, email calendars@thenewsenterprise.com, call 505-1751 or fax to 769-6965.

Today

Adoption Support of Kentucky

March 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ryan's Steakhouse, N. Mulberry St., E'town. No childcare provided; lunch on your own. Training topic: Confidentiality in Group Settings. POC: Kay Upton, 358-4514.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10 a.m. Serenity Club; step study group, noon, Safe Harbor; closed meeting, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, E'town, POC: Jeff, 352-0736, or Todd, 351-3761; open Big Book study, 8 p.m., nonsmoking, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Hodgenville; High Noon group at noon, open discussion; 8 p.m. speaker meeting, Communicare, for alumni of Haycraft Center, Communicare Recovery Center, Passages and Lyons House, POC: John B., 765-5088; step study group, 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Harned; 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., Alcoholt House.

Al-Anon, for families and friends of alcoholics, Safe Harbor, 7 p.m.; discussion; nonsmoking.

Bariatric support group, 6 p.m., Hardin Memorial Hospital fifth-floor auditorium. POC: 706-1559.

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered 12-step recovery and support program, 6 p.m. Mondays (except holidays), First Baptist Church — Vaughn Reno Starks Community Center, 105 Bishop Lane, E'town; equips one to deal with the issues of life — hurts, hang-ups and habits. Light meal provided. POC: 766-8653.

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered, Biblically based recovery program for anyone struggling with life's hurts, hang-ups or habits, Severns Valley Baptist Church, 1100 Ring Road, E'town, band begins worship and praise at 6 p.m.; gender specific/topic specific small groups begin at 7 p.m. Celebration Station for ages 4-10 and childcare for birth through age 2 available for minimal charge. POC: Cheryl Mitchell, 765-7822 or cheryl@severnsvalley.org.

Family Addictions Recovery Ministry (FARM), 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 1106 S. Wilson Road, Radcliff. Groups facilitated by certified alcohol and drug counselor with focus on addiction education, recovery and support for addicted person and family members; children welcome. POC: the Rev. Lynda Durrett, 312-7043, or the Rev. Ronald Mason, 351-7483.

Legal and Financial Planning for Dementia, 1 p.m. Monday, Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town, sponsored by The Alzheimer's Association. Learn how to plan legally and financially for a loved one experiencing dementia. POC: JoAnna Weiss, (502) 451-4266 or

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■ Alcoholt House, 2255 Fairgrounds Road, Brandenburg. (828-2540).

■ Communicare, 1311 N. Dixie Ave., E'town. (765-5145).

■ Lincoln Trail Behavioral Health System, 3909 S. Wilson Road, Radcliff. (351-9444).

■ Safe Harbor Club, 200 S. Joe Prather Highway, Vine Grove. (877-6808).

■ Serenity Club, 206 S. Main St., E'town (982-4477).

■ Stepworks Addiction Resources, The Helm Mansion, 100 Diecks Drive, E'town (982-1244).

Joanna.weiss@alz.org.

L.O.S.S. (Loss of Someone Special) support group for family members of former Hosparus patients and others in the community grieving the loss of a loved one, 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Mondays of each month, Hosparus, 105 Diecks Drive, E'town. POC: Carlton Puryear, 789-4247, or 800-859-8782.

Narcotics Anonymous, Midday Message, nonsmoking, noon, Serenity Club; 6-7 p.m.; Living in the Solution, nonsmoking, 8 p.m. at Safe Harbor.

Tuesday

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10 a.m. Serenity Club; High Noon group at noon, open discussion, and 8 p.m., open discussion, Safe Harbor; 8 p.m. for men, closed, county jail, E'town; 8 p.m., open discussion, Presbyterian Church, Lebanon Junction, POC: 352-1694; 8 p.m., Alcoholt House.

Narcotics Anonymous, Midday Message, nonsmoking, noon, Serenity Club; Passages, for women only, nonsmoking, 6 p.m., Passages, 615 Westport Road, E'town, POC: 737-6449; Don't Look Back, nonsmoking, 8 p.m., Serenity Club.

Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Stepworks. Step in the Right Direction group. POC: 734-2074.

RSD/Chronic Pain support group, 1 to 3 p.m. CDT, Grayson County Public Library, 130 E. Market St., Leitchfield. POC: 879-4023 or 259-4746.

Serendipity, 10 a.m. Serenity Club; High Noon group at noon, open discussion, and 8 p.m., open discussion, Safe Harbor; 8 p.m. for men, closed, county jail, E'town; 8 p.m., open discussion, Presbyterian Church, Lebanon Junction, POC: 352-1694; 8 p.m., Alcoholt House.

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The Augustine Fellowship, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, 10 a.m., Serenity Club.

Epilepsy and Seizure Support Group, 10-11 a.m., Hardin Memorial Hospital fifth floor auditorium 5B. Facilitator: Dr. Lovegildo S. Garcia Jr.; registration is required with a minimum of five participants. Personal treatment or diagnostic advice will not be addressed. POC to register: 737-4464.

Narcotics Anonymous, Living in the Solution, smoking, 9 p.m., Safe Harbor Club.

Overeaters Anonymous, 10 a.m. Serenity Club. POC: Ruth, 737-1676, or Rose Marie, 862-4877.

Truly Grateful Today Chapter of Narcotics Anonymous, 7-8 p.m. CDT, City Hall in Clarkson.

Wednesday

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10 a.m. Serenity Club; 8 p.m. open discussion meeting, Serenity Club, POC: Jim S. 769-5422; 8 p.m., 24-hour center group, Lincoln Trail Behavioral Health System; 10 a.m., closed discussion, Communicare, for bereaved parents, 7 p.m., Hosparus, Diecks Drive, E'town. POC: Linda Norris, 877-5414 or, cell, 272-6294.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) support group meeting for consumers and members, 7 p.m. fourth Thursday of each month, Communicare Building B, 1311 N. Dixie Ave., E'town. Organization provides education and support for those individuals suffering with schizophrenia, bipolar, anxiety disorders and depression and for their families POC: 358-4054.

Narcotics Anonymous, Don't Look Back, 8 p.m., nonsmoking, Stepworks Addiction Resources.

Open Arms, a grandparent/relative caregiver raising children support group, noon, Creekside Elementary School, 151 Horseshoe Bend Road, Sonora. Support, resources and open discussions. POC: Debbie, family resource coordinator, 369-8460.

La Leche League of Hardin

Compassionate Friends (Elizabethtown chapter), support group for bereaved parents, 7 p.m., Hosparus, Diecks Drive, E'town. POC: Linda Norris, 877-5414 or, cell, 272-6294.

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Narcotics Anonymous, Recovery and Beyond, non-smoking, 8 p.m., Lincoln Trail Behavioral Health System. POC: 234-6543. Living in the Solution Group, 12:30 p.m., Safe Harbor.

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QUESTIONS? Call 505-1751

Women's Narcotics Anonymous, 10 a.m. at Passages, 615 Westport Road, E'town. POC: 737-6449.

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10 a.m. Serenity Club; High Noon group at noon, open discussion, Safe Harbor; 8 p.m., closed meeting and also Traditional Group, First Presbyterian Church, E'town, POC: Jeff, 352-0736, or Todd, 351-3761;

8 p.m., open, Safe Harbor; 8 p.m. closed men's discussion, Nelson County Public Library, Bardstown; 8 p.m., beginners meeting, open discussion, Communicare, POC: John B., 765-5088; 10 a.m., Alcoholt House, 8 p.m.; open discussion, Acceptance Club, Irvington, POC: 234-3168.

AA and NA New Beginners, 8 p.m., Communicare, POC: Joe, 862-9073.

Al-Anon, for families and friends of alcoholics, New Life Family Group, 8 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, Serenity Club. POC: Pat B. 422-5873.

Narcotics Anonymous, Living in the Solution, nonsmoking, 6 p.m., Safe Harbor.

Narcotics Anonymous, Step in the Right Direction, 8 p.m., Serenity Club. POC: 734-2074.

Reformers Unanimous Addictions Program, 7-9 p.m. Fridays, 156 Shelby Ave., Radcliff. POC: 351-6866 or tgeam@gmail.com.

Saturday

Life after caregiving



MONICA RUEHLING

Change is constant. It's actually the only thing in life that is. Just as a routine begins and life seems to settle, there's a bump in the road and everything is thrown off course.

Caring for an older or ill family member is no different. Just as the caregiving routine seems to be ironed out and schedules begin to work for everyone, change happens to a loved one. Severe illness, placement in a long-term care facility, relocation or even death of a loved one are all reasons for caregiving roles to change or end. They are also reason enough for a caregiver to feel a shift in their own identities.

The change in roles brings apprehension, fear, excitement and anticipation.

A caregiver in this position must allow themselves the permission and time to mourn and grieve for their loved one, and over the loss of their caregiving identity. Different caregiving experiences should never be underestimated. Nursing home placement may be just as painful as the death of a loved one. Both experiences are traumatic, often filled with guilt and re-

morse. Emotions need to be processed and given the time to heal.

As caregivers cope with no longer being needed for full-time obligations, they should take the time to grieve. Grief is a natural and normal emotion and if a person can grieve in a positive way, it often allows them the strength to rebuild and carry on. Allowing others to share memories and stories about the family member or their own caregiving experience is therapeutic. It is through these stories and memories that we find strength.

For caregivers, remembering the past is just as important as looking to the future. It is important to reflect with pride about taking on the responsibilities and decisions which accompany caregiving. These responsibilities and decisions are not easy to make or carry out, but caregivers do the best they can in a particular situation. That in itself is enough reason to have full satisfaction.

Caregivers also need to be able to look ahead and realize their caregiving responsibilities often enhance their character and make them a different person. It has a way of changing perspectives, granting patience and providing comfort. Often, caregivers are thrust into the role because of sudden illness or events, and many feel they are not ready to take on the challenge. At the end of their experience, many caregivers realize they did what they needed to do and gladly would do it all again.

Caregivers must receive permission from themselves and from others to grieve the loss of their caregiving role and the time to heal. Some may find additional counseling, support groups or other forms of therapy necessary to respond to the emotional distress often felt. All of these are accepted methods in the healing process.

They must also tend to their own physical needs. After caring for someone else, especially someone with a severe or debilitating illness, a caregiver's health often has been jeopardized. Taking the time to rest, to attend doc-

tor's appointments and seek medical treatment is crucial for the person to recover from the stress that often accompanies caring for others.

Some caregivers will let go of their caregiving responsibilities and embrace their new identity easier than others. Each person will transition into their new role and new way of life in a different way. Some try to renew old relationships that fell along the wayside; others return to work or hobbies that had been idle because of other commitments. Others will try to use their new found caregiving strengths to help others and volunteer for organizations which will benefit from the experiences.

Whatever it takes to face a new identity after the caregiving role ends, realize there are ways and reasons to continue. A caregiver's life will forever be enriched by the selfless sacrifices made to care and love for another person. No one can replace those sacrifices, but new opportunities in life after caregiving lie ahead.

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Boomers finding space for team, fitness sports

By BETSY BLANEY

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — The country's largest generation is running, walking, swimming and using exercise machines in hopes of changing the face of aging.

Baby boomers — the 78 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964 — are working to counteract the effects of getting older. They grew up watching Jane Fonda workout videos and were the first generation where large numbers exercised from their early years onward.

"Are the boomers playing more sports than 20 years ago? I think the answer to that is yes," said



Laura Ferlic-Stark, right, 50, of Plano, Texas, keeps her eye on a ball as her practice partner returns a volley Wednesday during an instructional class at High Point Tennis Center in Plano, Texas.

Tom Cove, president of Sports Goods Manufacturers Association. It annually surveys Americans about their exercise activities. "The boomers are dra-

matically more active and the numbers are much more skewed to fitness and outdoor activities."

They sign up for swimming classes and pay to

play basketball or hockey at odd hours in facilities used by youth during the day. People tend to do the same activities as in their youth, said Bill Beckner, research manager for the Virginia-based National Recreation and Parks Association. That could mean new sorts of senior activity centers.

"I keep waiting to see the first senior skate park," he said. "I won't be surprised when it shows up."

And while boomers like exercise to be social, the number participating in organized team sports is growing slowly because scheduling the time can be difficult.

SENIOR EVENTS

Legal and Financial Planning for Dementia, 1 p.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town, sponsored by The Alzheimer's Association. Learn how to plan legally and financially for a loved one experiencing dementia. POC: JoAnna Weiss, (502) 451-4266 or Joanna.weiss@alz.org.

New senior citizens group forming in Vine Grove; those 55 and older interested in meeting with peers for potluck meals and social interaction are invited from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 21, Vine Grove Community Center, 300 W. Main St., Vine Grove; group will meet third Wednesday of each month. Bring a dish to share. Activities include card games, domino games and others (bring Scrabble, chess or checkers if you'd like). For transportation call T.A.C.K., 692-2136 or 800-242-8225. POC: Thelma Willow, 877-2312.

Radcliff Senior Citizens Nutrition Group, 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, Colvin Community Center, Radcliff. Transportation can be arranged. Call 737-2031.

Senior Fellowship, 1-3 p.m. Thursdays, Radcliff United Methodist Church, 275 Woodland Drive; seniors invited for card games and fellowship. Nondenominational activity. Call 351-3290.

Care4Ever Senior Care Center, 408 N. Mulberry St., E'town, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday, caring for family members during working hours, allowing socialization and keeping them safe. POC: Martha, 765-3344.

Senior citizens activities 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meal noon-12:30, Monday through Friday at Hardin County Senior Center, 1119 Johnstown Road, E'town. Games, health screenings, potluck meals, small trips. Call 982-2909.

Wesley Hilltop House, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday for senior activities, 1001 Skyline Drive, E'town. Meals served at noon, activi-

ties, board games, health screenings, potlucks and field trips. POC: 765-2573.

Senior citizens music, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, Senior Citizens Center, 112 N. Walters St., Hodgenville. Musicians and singers welcome. POC: 358-4311 or viola47@windstream.net.

Free income tax help available from AARP volunteers, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesdays until April 15, Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town; by appointment only. POC: 862-5847 for appointment. Persons of any age will be assisted; bring a picture ID, Social Security card, copies of federal and state tax returns from last year, as well as all wage and retired pay statements. For special arrangements for shut-in and disabled persons, call John Hanna, 862-9611.

Adult Activity Group, meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month,

Colvin Community Center, Radcliff; potluck meal. POC: Ava Greathouse, 877-6786.

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month at Care4Ever Senior Care Center, 408 N. Mulberry St., E'town. POC: 765-3344.

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Group's ads in five states criticize health care law

By KATHY BARKS HOFFMAN
AP Political Writer

LANSING, Mich. — Democratic senators up for re-election in five states are being targeted by issue ads run by the conservative 60 Plus Association, but one senator being hit says the ads are full of false claims already debunked by independent fact-checkers.

The 60-second ads feature singer Pat Boone warning seniors about portions of the federal health care law he says could harm their Medicare benefits and are identical to an ad run last November in Ohio targeting Sen. Sherrod Brown.

This time the ads are aimed at Sens. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, Bill Nelson of Florida, Jon Tester of Montana, Claire McCaskill of Missouri and Brown. All are Democratic incumbents running for re-election this year, and all except Tester are in battleground states that could prove crucial to President Barack Obama's re-election chances in November.

The Virginia-based 60 Plus Association bills itself as the conservative alternative to the AARP. Founder and Chairman Jim Martin said the organization is spending \$3.5 million to run the ads for two weeks in the five states and plans to spend "substantially more" on future issue ads in the senators' home states.

"They're up for re-election, and we're trying to get their attention with this vote on Obamacare," he said.

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ON ALERT for safety

Doug Finlay proceeds with compassion

By ROBERT VILLANUEVA
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When the tornado sirens blare, not everyone runs for cover.

It's a sure bet Doug Finlay, Hardin County deputy emergency management director, will be in the thick of things.

"The biggest part of my role is planning for disasters," Finlay said.

Part of the planning he does involves coordinating communication between various agencies, such as fire departments, search and rescue teams, and the sheriff's department. Often it means setting up an emergency operations center at the Emergency Management Services building.

In that case, the conference room becomes a command center, complete with Internet access and projectors.

That doesn't mean it always works that way. The recent tornados are an example.

"A lot of the responders went to the cities that were hit," Finlay said.

In such cases, his department still provides what help it can to coordinate emergency efforts.

"We're a resource department," Finlay said. "We're not a first responder."

The challenge, he said, is to try to deal with disasters with only local resources.

"But a lot of times we can't do that," he said.

The disasters Finlay deals with can be natural, such as tornadoes or ice storms, or man-made, such as hazardous material spills or bomb threats. Natural disasters are more difficult to deal with, he said.

"When nature takes its course, there's no telling where it's going to go," he said.

Being a retired Elizabethtown firefighter, Finlay said when he first took the job with Hardin County Emergency Management Services in September 2007 it was difficult not to react like a first responder. In fact, he had gone a year after he retired as a firefighter without being involved in emergency services, but he couldn't stay away.

"I guess it was still in my blood," Finlay said.

More than anything, he said, his job is about looking ahead.

"The main thing is being prepared," Finlay said. "Does your plan always go the way you want it to? No."

One thing he didn't think about when he first became deputy emergency management director was pets and how much that factored into his job of helping disaster victims. Victims of a disaster, he said, don't need the added stress of wondering if their pets are safe, so he also makes sure shelter is available for pets.



Doug Finlay, Hardin County deputy emergency management director, speaks about his role when disasters, such as the recent tornado or the ice storm in 2009, strike the county.

In addition to learning on the job, Finlay receives more formal instruction at conferences and online.

"We're required to get 40 hours training every year," Finlay said. "We get more than that."

Among the things he's proud of during his tenure is the creation of a communications tower and an emergency notification system.

Finlay said working diligently and developing a plan and putting it into action for the protection of Hardin County residents against any disaster — natural or man-made — is what his department was about. The goal is to ensure the least damage during a disaster and to return residents to a "pre-disaster state" as best as possible, he said.

To that end, Finlay often finds himself reviewing after-action reports and comparing disaster responses against similar past scenarios, but the latter can be done to a limited extent.

"Every one of our incidents are different," he said.

On the other hand, the recent tornados that hit Wednesday, Feb. 29, and Friday, March 2, provided opportunities for the department.

"We learned from Wednesday and were better prepared Friday," Finlay said.

Likewise, the ice storm of January 2009 offered a chance for improvement. That was when Finlay discovered only 20 percent of the building was powered by a backup generator.

Now the entire building has backup power, he said.

During his years with Hardin County Emergency Management Services, two less-

GETTING TO KNOW DOUG FINLAY

- **Where he's from:** Providence, R.I.
- **Where he lives now:** LaRue County
- **Favorite music:** Country but likes all genres.
- **Favorite author:** John Grisham
- **Favorite movies:** Those starring Denzel Washington and Gene Hackman.
- **Hobbies:** reading, golfing and fishing.
- **Pets:** A female black lab named Chowder and "a couple of cats."

sons stand out the most, Finlay said.

"You have to have a good relationship with the other departments in the county," he said.

Finlay considered it important to get to know other emergency service personnel prior to meeting them during a disaster.

The second thing he's learned relates to the individuals he interacts with.

"Compassion has a lot to do with dealing with the public in any kind of emergency," Finlay said.

The bottom line is listening to victims is crucial, he said.

Finlay related an example using the recent tornadoes. He said he might assume a tornado victim would be most concerned about having shelter when what that person really wants is to be sure his or her neighbor is safe.

"Sometimes what you think they need isn't what they need," he said.

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By Tom and Ray Magliozzi

Pine needles in oil are harmless

When I was filling my engine with new oil, pine needles fell into the oil and are now in the engine. The little stem that went in had three needles on it, each approximately 4 inches long (long-leaf pine, *Pinus Palustris*). Is this going to hurt my engine? My car is a 2011 Honda Accord EX, 4-cylinder. — Marissa

TOM: Oh, good thing it was the *Pinus Palustris*, and not the dreaded *Pinus Enginus Rebuildis*!

RAY: Your engine's going to be fine, Marissa. There are several things that can happen to these needles, and none of them is harmful.

TOM: The oil fill on this car is right on top of the valve cover. Most likely, the pine needles are just sitting there on top of the valve train, soaking up oil and doing no harm. And they may stay there for years, or decades, without affecting anything.

RAY: If they do get in the way of one of the cams, they're soft enough to just be pulverized. Remember, all the engine parts are metal. They'd make short work of these three little pine needles.

TOM: Then the pulverized pine needles would get circulated with the other oil that gets sent up to the valve train, and the entire top of your engine will have a nice, fresh scent. Sweet, huh?

RAY: Eventually, you'll get rid of these needles in one of two possible ways, Marissa: If they get ground up, their crushed remains will end up either at the bottom of the oil pan or in the oil filter, and will be removed next time you change your oil.

TOM: Or, 10 years from now, when some mechanic removes the valve cover to replace a gasket, he's going to find a 6-inch Christmas tree growing in there. Either way, it's nothing to worry about, Marissa.

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March Madness

may cut productivity

but increase camaraderie

By MAX ROLL
Scripps Howard News Service

The annual outbreak of March Madness can make it difficult for companies to keep employees focused on work instead of how their team is doing in the Big Dance.

According to a study by MSN.com, around 86 percent of workers in the United States will spend some time at work following the NCAA men's basketball tournament, which runs through April 2. Many respondents plan to devote at

least an hour to watching games or following scores, while 6 percent planned to take time off from work.

Rob Montgomery, a professor of marketing at the University of Evansville's Schroeder Family School of Business Administration, said up to 58 million Americans participate in office pools to select tournament winners.

Montgomery estimates 8.4 million hours of productivity are lost to March Madness. That comes to a cost of \$192 billion, he said.

"I know that sounds like a lot," Montgomery said. "But to put it in perspective, it's only 1/10 of 1 percent for the three weeks. So when you look at it relatively, it's just a small, small fraction."

Although unable to participate in pools because he's on the school's NCAA compliance committee, Montgomery said the tourney is a big deal in his office.

"In our faculty lounge, the TV is on, and it's turned to the game, so if people have 10 minutes in between class,

they'll pop into the lounge, check out the scores and maybe watch a couple minutes," he said.

And despite causing workplace distractions, Montgomery said March Madness has benefits.

"It can foster camaraderie, it increases energy and kind of refreshes the office, and it fosters competition," he said. "Smart employers, they know it's inevitable, so they've tried to use it to their advantage and try to foster team-building within the workplace."

DRUGS: Meth makes up majority of investigations

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they go to Elizabethtown, Radcliff or Kentucky State Police Post 4.

Methamphetamine production is an ever-growing problem in Hardin County, and trending drugs such as synthetic cannabinoids and pharmaceutical medicines are sending teens and young adults to local emergency rooms.

Law enforcement officials say there is significant crossover between drug and property crimes, especially larceny.

The Greater Hardin County Narcotics Task Force serves a six-county area consisting of Hardin, Hart, LaRue, Breckinridge, Nelson and Grayson counties.

A 23-year-veteran at EPD, Edwards is assigned to the task force, which originally began in 1995 as a collaborative effort between EPD, Radcliff Police, the Hardin County Sheriff's Office and Kentucky State Police, he explained. Back then, investigators primarily worked crack cocaine and marijuana cases.

"With drugs, there's always a



nexus," he said. "It's hard to cover one area."

Today, the task force spends about 80 to 85 percent of its time investigating methamphetamine, and for the first hour of his presentation last Monday, Edwards primarily discussed the stimulant, its users and the evolution of meth labs.

Though cocaine and marijuana still are prevalent in Hardin County, the task force simply does not have the manpower to investigate those cases like it used to, he said.

"We still arrest for marijuana sales," Edwards said. "We still arrest for growing marijuana."

The sergeant described the average meth user as white and between the ages of 21 to 45, though investigators see users

outside that range. He added the task force is starting to see a crossover of black males.

With meth lab ingredients laid out on a table in front of him last Monday, Edwards walked EPD's participants through the "shake-and-bake" method of manufacturing methamphetamine.

Shake and bake is a portable process involving plastic drink bottles, lithium batteries and pseudoephedrine tablets. According to Edwards, it reduces manufacturing time to around 60 to 90 minutes and yields several grams of methamphetamine.

"It has become so easy to manufacture with this process," he said. "Anybody who is addicted to meth is doing this."

Glendale resident Betty Jo

Components in a process for making meth were on display during a session of EPD's citizen police academy.

JILL PICKETT/The News-Enterprise

Elizabethtown to establish pill disposal site

Elizabethtown is implementing a prescription drug disposal site to combat the dangers of pill abuse.

The site will be located in the main entrance lobby of the police department at 300 S. Mulberry St. Beginning March 28, citizens are able to dispose of unwanted medication 24/7, according to an EPD news release.

The collection site is a collaborative effort by the police department, Elizabethtown Lions Club and AM Rotary. Accepted items include expired or unwanted prescription medicine, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and nutritional supplements and veterinary medications, according to the release.

Medication must stay in its original container, and needles and syringes will not be accepted.

According to the Attorney General's Office, an average of 82 Kentuckians die each month because of overdose on legal and illegal substances.

Last Monday at EPD's citizen police academy, Sgt. Billy Edwards with Greater Hardin County Narcotics Task Force told participants it's hard to track prescription drug abuse.

"If we had the real numbers, they would surpass the illicit drugs combined," he said.

For more information about the disposal site, contact EPD spokesman Virgil Willoughby at (270) 765-4125.

Dahlhauser, who is participating in EPD's citizen police academy, said meth use in the county and how the drug is being made is shocking. The intricacies of the process is an indicator of "wasted intelligence," she said.

"It just blows me away," she said, "that it used to be made in labs, and now it's made in 2 liter bottles."

Dahlhauser said she stayed af-

ter the presentation to ask Edwards more questions about meth use.

For the first manufacturing offense, meth users face 10 to 20 years in prison. A second or subsequent offense is 20 years to life.

According to Edwards, the relapse rate for a meth addict is 94 to 96 percent.

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SRT: Team trains for 192 hours each year

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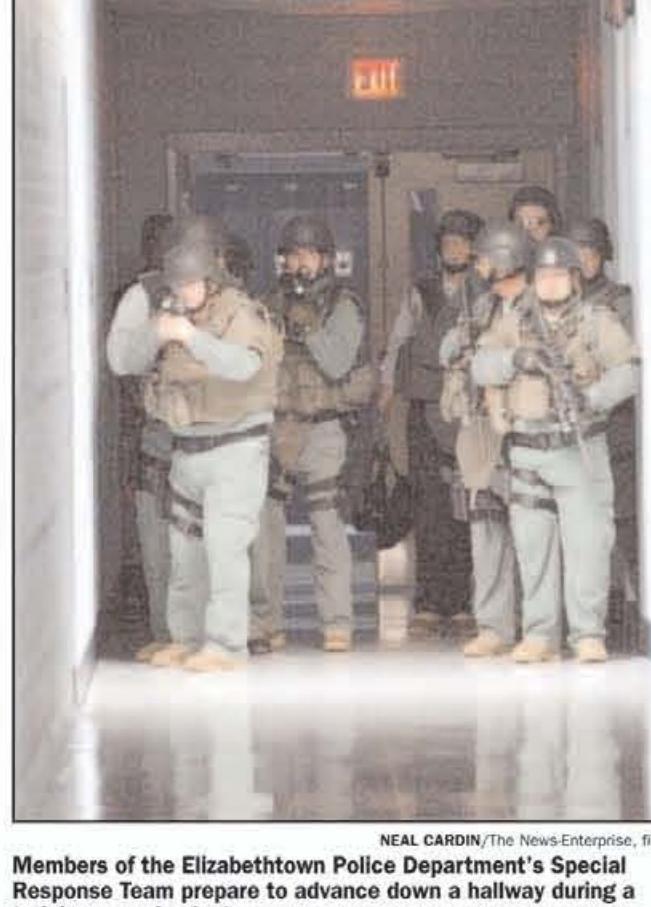
said Richardson, the unit's team leader. It is a part-time team called out for incidents such as hostage rescues or barricaded suspects.

In a classroom lined with items such as flash bang grenades, a ballistic shield and a sniper rifle, Richardson explained the SRT team trains 16 hours each month for a total of 192 hours per year. It also performs two mass casualty exercises per year.

Richardson said the SRT team is armed with less lethal ammunition and other specialty equipment to try to control a suspect before lethal equipment is required. Though no two situations are alike, the goal is to control and recover with the least amount of injury to the suspect or victim, he said.

It takes about 45 minutes for the team to respond, he said. The unit was called out Feb. 19, but received no calls for service in 2011.

The only full-time SRT team in the state is the



NEAL CARDIN/The News-Enterprise, file
Members of the Elizabethtown Police Department's Special Response Team prepare to advance down a hallway during a training exercise last year.

Kentucky State Police team.

"That's all they do," said Norman Chaffins, public affairs officer at KSP Post 4 in Elizabethtown. "If they're not called out, then they're training."

At their citizen police academies, KSP and EPD

demonstrate SRT equipment and answer participants' questions about the special operations units. Recently at EPD's academy, participants observed Richardson set off a flash bang and got a look inside the team's vehicle.

"The equipment you

see in front of you is not something an average police officer has access to," Richardson told the class.

Maj. Jamie Land, who served as the unit's team leader until December 2011, said all of the department's SRT equipment was purchased using grant money.

EPD's team consists of nine members, which includes two designated tactical snipers, Richardson said. Two paramedics with Hardin County EMS also assist SRT.

Officer James Richardson, one of the team's two snipers, said the primary responsibility of the snipers is to observe and provide information to the

other team members.

"We are authorized to take lives, but that's the last thing we want to do," the officer said.

Because it is the only special operations team in Hardin County, Josh Richardson said EPD's SRT team occasionally is called

out to the county. Recently, the team was called out Feb. 19 to a West Dixie Avenue residence when a man repeatedly called 911 threatening to commit suicide.

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'I feel like it's a good thing'

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need who she helps.

"That kind of builds you up," she said.

Mercer's husband, who sold his carpet cleaning business in 2000, also decided to join the volunteer program.

Mercer said neither of them collect a stipend for their work because they simply want to pitch in.

"We just like to do things that might help out and make for a better community," she said. "We enjoy doing things that other people might benefit from."

That doesn't mean the couple gets nothing back from volunteer efforts, Mercer said.

"I guess it just makes us feel better if we do something to help others," she said. "I feel like it's a good thing."

Volunteerism also has filled many retirement hours that might have

been dull with important work, Mercer said.

"I guess after we retired, we felt a need to get out and do something and just be busy," she said. "It helps us get out among people. I think that's good for us."

Mercer recently has had fewer hours than her typical eight to 10 a month to commit to the volunteer program. She was working about half that much because her husband has a medical condition that requires more of her time to care for him.

Flexible hours are another reason Mercer enjoys working in the program.

She recommends it to others and has no immediate plans to give up the work that has filled some of her retirement hours with valuable service.

For more information about the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, call 737-1059.

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SHOWER: Lunch provided, donated items to be raffled

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A free lunch will be provided and donated items such as diapers, washcloths and baby swings will be given out through a raffle, said Janay Sutton, HCS Family Resource Center contact.

Sutton is new in her position and has been happy to learn what the community is willing to do for its residents.

"I'm learning daily just how much our community loves our families and does want to give back," she said.

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State wildlife commissioners to reconsider bear chasing

By ROGER ALFORD
The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Hunters have persuaded the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission to take another look at a proposal to set aside a week each year for shooting a limited number of bears that dogs have chased up trees or cornered on the ground.

Wildlife officials decided to scrap the proposal two weeks ago after the Humane Society of the United States criticized the practice as cruel and unsporting. Now, it's back because of the dogged determination of devotees to a hunting method that has thrived in America since colonial days.

The wildlife commission is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. today to reconsider the earlier decision

so the hunters, known as hounds-men, would have about four weeks each year to chase bears with dogs and to allow them shoot some bears during one of those weeks.

"It is a powerful lobby," said Democratic political strategist Danny Briscoe. "It's not galvanized often, but, when it is, it is incredibly strong."

The bear issue pitted hunters against the Humane Society in the latest of a long line of face-offs over the years.

In this case, the hunters had two key legislative allies in Republican state Rep. Tommy Turner of Somerset and Democratic state Rep. Johnny Bell of Glasgow. Both are keen political strategists who happen to serve as co-chairmen of the influential House Sportsmen Caucus and who hunt with hounds.

However, Turner and Bell take no credit for the wildlife commission's change of heart.

"I think they saw the error of their way," Bell said. "It just didn't make a lot of sense to us that they opposed it to begin with. I don't know who got to them, but it seems like somebody put some pressure somewhere."

Turner said the wildlife commission needed to be better educated on the issue.

"There had been some misunderstanding, and we've worked through some of those concerns," Turner said. "I think we've got an agreement that we're all going to be OK with."

Wildlife Commissioner Chris Godby said it was facts, not political pressure, that brought the issue back for a second look.



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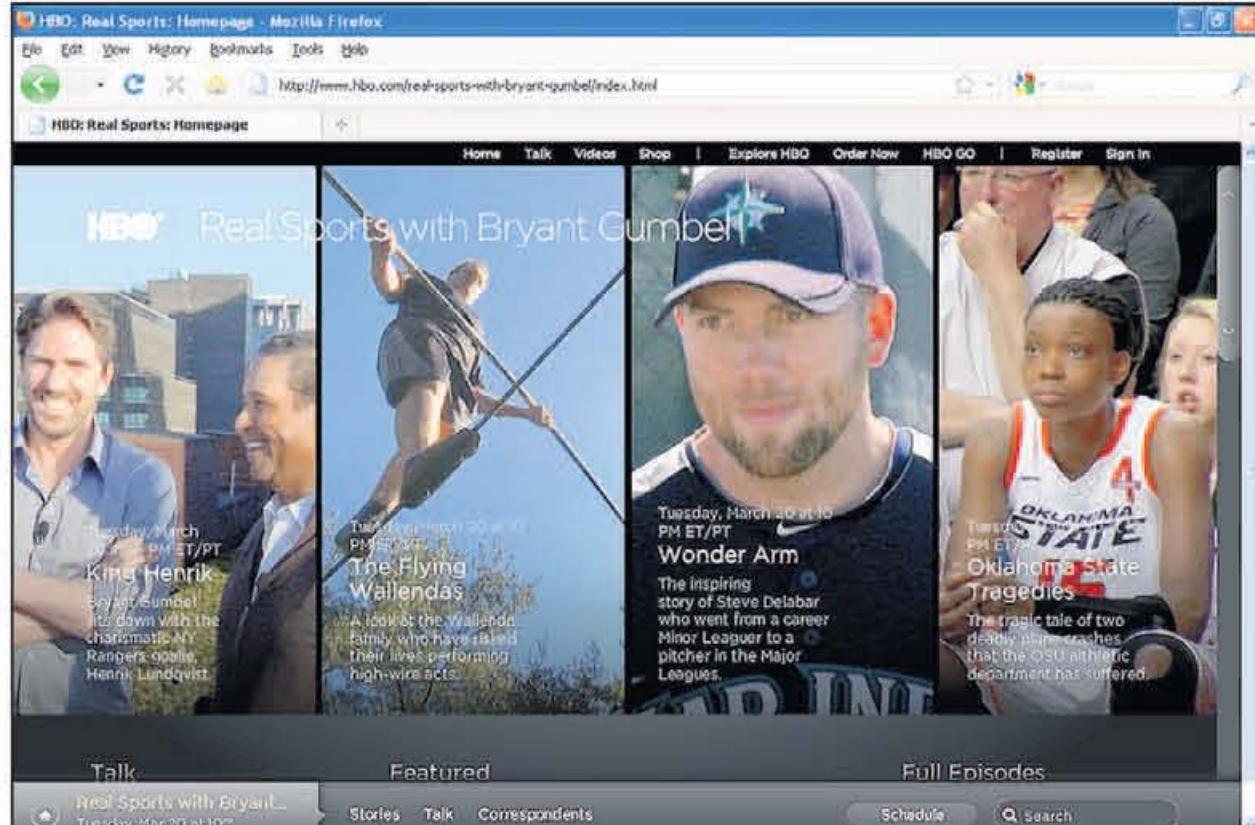
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Seattle Mariners pitcher Steve Delabar, a Central Hardin High School graduate and a former John Hardin assistant baseball coach, will be featured at 10 Tuesday night by HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel."

Wonder Arm | The Rise of the Rebuilt Mariner

Delabar to be featured on acclaimed HBO show Tuesday night

By NATHANIEL BRYAN
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It's been said and written on more than one occasion that Steve Delabar's tale of going from a physically broken down minor-league baseball pitcher turned John Hardin High School assistant coach/substitute teacher to a 28-year-old rookie relief pitcher with the Seattle Mariners has basis for a blockbuster movie.

At minimum, Delabar's yarn is good enough for a long-running, acclaimed sports newsmagazine on a major television network.

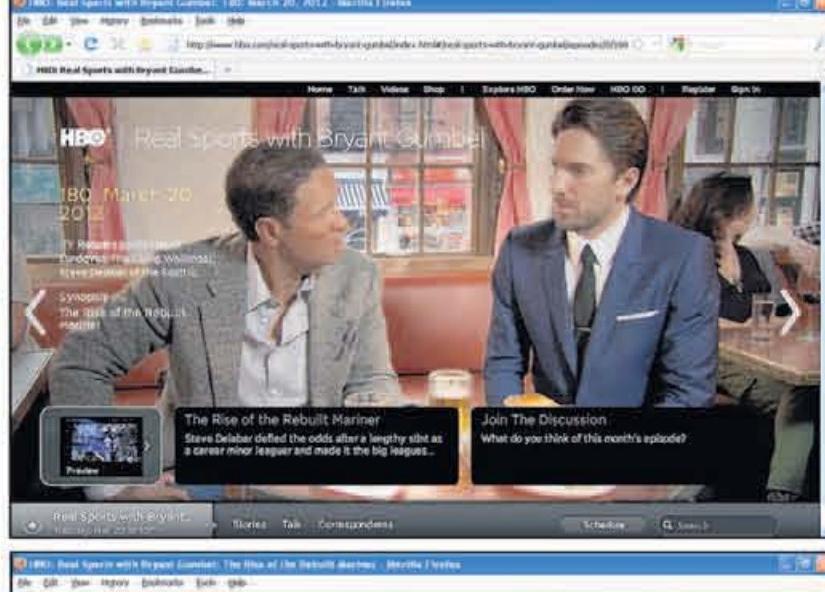
Delabar, who was a standout at Central Hardin, will be featured at 10 p.m. Tuesday on HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel." Delabar is the third of four stories to be shown and his is titled, "Wonder Arm: The Rise of the Rebuilt Mariner." The show debuted April 2, 1995, and Tuesday marks the 180th episode for "Real Sports."

The episode is available On Demand on March 26 and reairs six other times later in the week at 1 a.m. Wednesday (HBO West), 2:30 a.m. Wednesday (HBO East), 5:30 a.m. Wednesday (HBO West), 6 p.m. Thursday (HBO East), 10:30 a.m. Saturday (HBO East) and 2:30 p.m. Saturday (HBO West).

"Wonder Arm" is produced by Nick Dolin and told by "Real Sports" correspondent Mary Carillo.

"Mary was great because she was really easy to talk to," Delabar said Sunday night after his spring training game in Arizona was rained out. "Mary was so comfortable that you didn't get nervous because a camera was there. With Mary, it was like it was just person-to-person, just talking."

Joe Newton, owner of The Players Dugout in Elizabethtown, said the story came to fruition because of Rachel Simms' love of the Velocity program. Simms is the



niece of former HBO and current CBS employee Phil Simms.

According to the first few sentences of the hbo.com synopsis, "While only eight to ten percent of Minor League Baseball players ultimately make a Major League roster, Steve Delabar, currently in camp with the Seattle Mariners in Arizona, defied the odds after a lengthy stint as a career minor leaguer."

Delabar said he knew a little bit about the show before he was asked to appear on it.

"I might have checked it out. I had seen maybe a couple of episodes, but it wasn't like I waited up to see the new one every month," he said. "But I know they do good stories and I'm excited to see what they've put together."

The episode also features an interview with Delabar's wife, Jamie, filmed at John Hardin, as well as Velocity work at The Players' Dugout. House and Velocity creator Jamie Evans, who have both appeared at The Players' Dugout on multiple occasions, also are featured.

"Stevie is just Stevie and he's just one of the best young men that I've ever met," Newton said. "The bottom line is Stevie wouldn't be in the big leagues if it wasn't for the Velocity program. That's it in a nutshell."

"But it's a great story," added Newton. "And it couldn't happen to a better young man."

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Kentucky aware of just how good Green Bay really is

By LUKE MEREDITH

The Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Outside of the Midwest, not a ton of people know just how good Green Bay is.

Regionally, the attention paid to the powerhouse Phoenix can be suffocating.

With a staggering 14 consecutive Horizon League titles, Green Bay (31-1) has set the bar so high that anything less than a blowout win in conference play can be seen as a disappointment.

It's set up a strange scenario where, for the seventh-seeded Phoenix, the NCAA Tournament is almost a breather. They certainly looked relaxed in their opener, pounding host Iowa State, 71-57 to set up an intriguing second-round matchup against No. 2 seed Kentucky (26-6) tonight.

"In the Horizon League, it's hard to make shots because there's so much pressure on us. We're expected to win every time and by more than a few points," Green Bay coach Matt Bollant said. "This is the first time since the nonconference season that, you know what, we can just go

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9:45 tonight on ESPN2

play. We didn't have all those expectations. You could see that in practice. They were relaxed. They knew they could just go play."

By contrast, the Wildcats looked tight Saturday in struggling to get past 15th-seeded McNeese State, 68-62.

Kentucky entered the NCAA Tournament as the nation's leader in turnover margin, averaging nearly 11 more takeaways than its opponents. But the Wildcats were extremely sloppy with the ball against McNeese State — at least by their lofty standards — with 20 turnovers.

SEC Player of the Year Adia Mathies led the way with five of them, but that was just one of the reasons she had one of the worst games of her storied career. Mathies shot 2-of-10 from the floor and grabbed only two rebounds in 18 foul-plagued minutes.

Turn to KENTUCKY, B4

Maryland looking for revenge, redemption against Louisville

By DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland's incentive to beat Louisville extends beyond earning a sweet 16 berth in the NCAA Women's Tournament.

The motivational checklist for the second-seeded Terrapins tonight also includes revenge and redemption.

Seventh-seed Louisville is coached by Jeff Walz, who served as an assistant under Brenda Frese at Maryland for five years before joining the Cardinals in 2007. In the first meeting between mentor and protégé, Louisville defeated the Terrapins in the 2009 tournament to advance to the Final Four.

Now Frese and Maryland's upperclassmen have an opportunity to even the score.

"Obviously our seniors remember it," Frese said Sunday. "I've said this all season long: We have a lot of pride. So when you have something that's happened to you in the past, whether it be that Louisville game in their freshman year, or our ending last year, we're a proud team. You would expect from players that are competitive and want to win."



GAIL BURTON/The Associated Press
Louisville coach Jeff Walz cheers his team on Saturday during its win against Michigan State in the NCAA Tournament first round in College Park, Md.

Turn to LOUISVILLE, B4

Keselowski dominant again at Bristol Motor Speedway

By JENNA FRYER

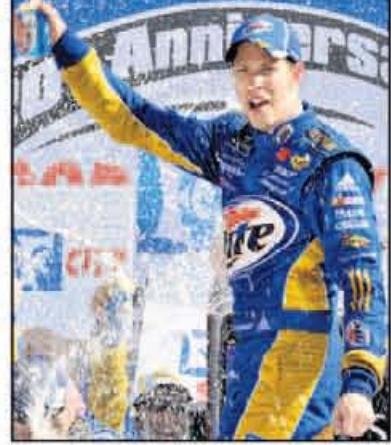
The Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Brad Keselowski used Bristol Motor Speedway last fall to cement his spot in NASCAR's championship race.

Back at the track Sunday, Keselowski again made his way to Victory Lane.

And he again began to think about a Sprint Cup title.

Keselowski led a career-best and race-high 231 laps, then held



BRIAN CZOBAT/The Associated Press
Brad Keselowski celebrates after winning Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup race in Bristol, Tenn.

off Daytona 500 winner Matt Kenseth on a late restart to cruise to his first victory of the season.

"What can I say? I love Bristol and Bristol loves me," said Keselowski, who immediately began taking pictures in Victory Lane to send to Twitter. "The goal at Penske Racing is to win a Sprint Cup championship, and one win certainly doesn't achieve that, but it's a great step."

The Chase for the Sprint Cup championship has a wild-card provisional for the winningest driver not otherwise eligible. Keselowski's win last August at Bristol was his third of the season

and gave him the provisional that allowed him to race for the title.

Now, just a month into the season, he's focused on collecting victories.

"One win is good; two wins is really good," Keselowski said. "We need to keep winning races to lock ourselves in the Chase, but heck, I'd rather just go into the Chase in the top spot. If we run like we have the last few weeks, we've got as good a shot as anybody else."

Keselowski narrowly escaped an early seven-car accident, worked his way toward the front, then settled in for a tight battle

with Kenseth over the final third of the race. Kenseth beat Keselowski on one of their restarts — fans complained instantly on Twitter that Kenseth had jumped the start — and Keselowski had to run him back down to reclaim the lead.

But a late caution when Tony Stewart hit the wall put Keselowski's win in jeopardy.

"I've got no clue what to do here," he radioed crew chief Paul Wolfe, who decided to leave Keselowski on the track and not bring him in to the pits under caution.

Turn to KESELOWSKI, B3

SPORTS CALENDAR

SPORTS TEAM NOTE: Sports Calendar is a free service, but The News-Enterprise sports department cannot guarantee when or how many times an item will run. Items should be submitted to The N-E sports department no sooner than three weeks prior to the date of your event. The N-E sports department has the right to edit all Sports Calendar items. To place a Sports Calendar item, call **(270) 505-1752**, fax it to **(270) 769-6965** or email it to sports@thenewspaper.com.

BANQUETS/DINNERS

Fort Knox DU Sportsman's Night Out

The Fort Knox chapter of Ducks Unlimited will host its sportsman's night out at 6 p.m. Saturday at the VFW Post 10281 in Vine Grove. For information or tickets, call Robert Gilpin at (270) 900-1254.

Lincoln Area Longbeards Hunting Heritage Banquet

The Lincoln Area Longbeards chapter will host its annual hunting heritage banquet Saturday at LaRue County Middle School. Only 180 tickets will be sold. For information, call Charlie Wootton at 234-6289 or Louie Payne at 766-4241.

FUNDRAISERS

Clash of the Commonwealth Dodgeball Game

The Clash of the Commonwealth dodgeball game will be held Friday at Elizabethtown High School. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games beginning at 6:30. Western Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky will play at 7:30. Admission is \$3 and proceeds go to benefit EHS Project Grad. For information, contact Nancy Hazle at 304-1590 or nancy.hazle@etown.kyschools.us.

HELP NEEDED

South Hardin Sports

South Hardin Sports is taking bids for a concessions manager and field maintenance manager. For information, call Scott Davis at 763-1077.

GOLF NOTICES

LCCC Golf Scramble

The LaRue County Chamber of Commerce golf scramble will be held at noon March 30 at the LaRue County Country Club. For information, call 358-3411 or email jessica@laruecountychamber.org.

MEETINGS

Radcliff Adult Recreation Association

The Radcliff Adult Recreation Association will meet at 7 p.m. April 3 at the Dawley Park clubhouse in Radcliff. The meeting is open to all coaches interested in the league's slowpitch coed softball league. For information, call Leslie Daugherty at 304-7237.

PASSES/TICKETS

LCHS Baseball/Softball Passes

Baseball and softball season passes for LaRue County High School are now available. Passes are \$15 for students and \$30 for adults. Passes are only valid for regular-season games. For information, see Melinda Rock at the ticket gate or David Dawson at LCHS.

PLAYERS/COACHES NEEDED

Victory MMA Seeking New Members

Victory Mixed Martial Arts is seeking new members of all ages and martial arts backgrounds. The team trains every night except Sunday at 605 South Dixie Highway in Elizabethtown. For information, check the Victory Mixed Martial Arts Facebook page or call Jesse at 304-4221.

Ladies Slowpitch Softball League

A ladies U-20 slowpitch softball league is forming teams in the south Hardin, Brandenburg, Flaherty, Irvin, Leitchfield and Radcliff areas. Players may join an existing team or form their own. For information, call 300-0707, email kyladiessoftball@live.com or visit Kyladies Softball on Facebook.

RYBSO

The Radcliff Youth Baseball/Softball Organization is looking for coaches. Anyone interested in coaching baseball or softball should attend one of the signup dates. For information, contact Keith Evans at 300-1583 or kyvikingfan@gmail.com.

REGISTRATIONS

Meade County Girls' Slowpitch Softball

The Meade County girls' slowpitch softball league is taking registrations. The league is open to players ages 4-18 (age is how old the player is on/before Dec. 31, 2011). Cost is \$55 for first player and \$10 for each additional player from the same household. Deadline to enter without late fees is Saturday. Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays. For information, call Jessie Thomas at (270) 497-4347, email meadecountyslowpitch@live.com or visit the league's Facebook page.

AROUND THE AREA

TODAY

Event	Time	Station
PREP BASEBALL		
John Hardin at Campbellsville	5:30 p.m.	
Louisville vs. Creek at North Hardin	5:30 p.m.	
Central High at Louisville Southern	6 p.m.	
Louisville-Dubert Manual at Meade County	6 p.m.	
Warren East at Elizabethtown	7 p.m.	
PREP SOFTBALL		
Bullitt East at North Hardin	5:30 p.m.	
LaRue County at Louisville Holy Cross	6 p.m.	
Louisville Assumption at John Hardin	6 p.m.	
PREP TENNIS		
Bardstown-Bethlehem at John Hardin	4 p.m.	
Fort Knox at LaRue County	5 p.m.	
North Hardin at Meade County	5 p.m.	
PREP TRACK & FIELD		
Shelby County All Comers		
Fort Knox	TBA	

TUESDAY

Event	Time	Station
PREP BASEBALL		
Meade County at Louisville Fairdale	5 p.m.	
Glasgow at Central Hardin	5:30 p.m.	
LaRue County at Nelson County	5:30 p.m.	
Louisville Evangel at Fort Knox	5:30 p.m.	
Mon-Han vs. Bardstown Bethlehem	5:30 p.m.	
Marion County at John Hardin	6 p.m.	
PREP SOFTBALL		
Bullitt East at LaRue County	5:30 p.m.	
Meade County at North Hardin	5:30 p.m.	
Taylor County at Elizabethtown	6 p.m.	
Owensboro Catholic at Central Hardin	6:30 p.m.	
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ON THE AIR

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BASEBALL		
MLB Spring Training		
Tigers vs. Phillies	1 p.m.	ESPN
College	7 p.m.	ESPN2
Virginia at Florida St.		
BASKETBALL		
Men's College: NIT Second Round		
Middle Tennessee St. at Tennessee	7 p.m.	ESPN
Minnesota at Miami	9 p.m.	ESPN
Illinois St. at Stanford	11:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Women's College: NCAA Tournament Second Round		
Teams TBD	7 p.m.	ESPN2
Team TBD	9:30 p.m.	ESPN2
PREP TENNIS		
Elizabethtown at Central Hardin	4 p.m.	
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GOLF		
Tavistock Cup at Orlando, Fla.		
Final Round	Noon	TGC
HOCKEY		
Devils at Rangers	7:30 p.m.	NBC Sports
Ducks at Sharks	10 p.m.	NBC Sports
SOCCE		
Premier League	3:55 p.m.	ESPN2
Chelsea at Manchester City		

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Blue Jays vs. Red Sox	7 p.m.	MLB
College		
Georgia Tech at Georgia	7 p.m.	CSS
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TUESDAY

LOTTERIES

SCOREBOARD

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SUNDAY'S RESULTS

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Results from Sunday's Food City 500 at the 0.533-mile Bristol Motor Speedway (start position in parentheses):

1. (15) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 500 laps, 142.8 rating, 48 points, \$186,770.
 2. (21) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 500, 119.7, 43, \$179,821.
 3. (15) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 500, 104.4, 41, \$147,749.
 4. (16) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 500, 107.2, 40, \$135,124.
 5. (25) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 500, 120.4, 40, \$98,535.
 6. (33) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 500, 107.3, 38, \$139,810.
 7. (17) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 500, 93.1, 37, \$127,793.<

KESELOWSKI: is victorious at Bristol

Continued from B1

Then Keselowski had to decide which lane to choose for the final restart, and his decision to take the outside may have sealed the win.

"I knew as long as I could beat him on the first lap, I knew I had a good enough car and I'm a good enough driver to win," Keselowski said. "Matt didn't make it easy. That's his job, to not make it easy on me. He raced me hard; I raced him hard, rubbed a little bit. That's good racing."

Kenseth settled for second in his Roush Fenway Racing Ford.

"He should have started on the bottom, for me; unfortunately he didn't," said Kenseth, who also denied jumping the earlier restart.

"I knew it was close, but here is the thing: When you get to the second line, they say that the race is on. I knew we took off a little early. ... I am waiting for him. ... I didn't even floor it until we got to the start-finish line. I don't know if he was trying to let me beat him on purpose or what was going on."

Keselowski said judging the restarts was "too subjective" and that a no-call by NASCAR "was the right call."

Michael Waltrip Racing's three Toyotas capped an impressive day by rounding out the top five – a feat that marked Brian Vickers' strong return to racing.

Martin Truex Jr. led the MWR contingent with his third-place finish. He was followed by Bowyer and Vickers, who ran his first race of the season. Out of work since Red Bull Racing closed at the end of last season, Vickers was tabbed last week to run six of the races that MWR driver Mark Martin sits out this season.

He had a strong debut race, leading a career-high 125 laps. In 14 previous races at Bristol, Vickers had led only one lap, never finished in the top 10 and ended on the lead lap only four times.

"When it's your only one, you have to make it count," Vickers said. "This was pretty good and it felt really good when we were out there leading. It would have been awesome to hold onto that, but it's the first time back so I can't complain about that. What an organization."

Truex said the showing, and Vickers' ability to step into an MWR car and post a top-five finish after a lay-off, show the strides the organization has made.

"Obviously it says a lot about the cars," Truex said. "I think everybody knows that Brian is a good driver. He's more than capable. I knew we had great race cars."

Jeff Burton was sixth in a Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing and was followed by Earnhardt Ganassi Racing teammates Jamie McMurray and Juan Pablo Montoya.

Jimmie Johnson finished ninth in what is likely his last race for some time with crew chief Chad Knaus. Hendrick Motorsports goes before NASCAR's chief appellate officer Tuesday, trying to get Knaus' six-race suspension overturned. NASCAR punished Knaus and the team because their Chevrolet failed the opening day inspection at last month's Daytona 500.

Paul Menard and Kevin Harvick finished 10th and 11th to give RCR three cars in the top 11. Harvick managed to pull off the finish despite damage sustained in a seven-car accident 24 laps into the race.

TENNIS

Federer, Azarenka both on a roll

By BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. – Roger Federer is on a roll again, and Victoria Azarenka can't be stopped, either.

They each won titles in straight sets Sunday at the BNP Paribas Open and earned matching \$1 million paychecks, the richest in tournament history.

Federer defeated John Isner 7-6 (7), 6-3 for his record fourth title at Indian Wells, avenging a loss to the

American who beat him in Davis Cup play.

Azarenka routed Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-3 in the WTA Tour's first final between the No. 1 and No. 2 players since 2008.

Federer improved to 39-2 since last year's U.S. Open, with his only losses to No. 2 Rafael Nadal in the semifinals of the Australian Open and the 11th-ranked Isner, who won on the Swiss star's home turf last month.

Azarenka improved to 23-0 this year, the best start to a season since

Martina Hingis went 37-0 to open 1997. The top-ranked Belarusian won her Tour-leading fourth title of the year.

Federer, ranked third, avenged his two defeats in consecutive days at Indian Wells, putting away Nadal in the rain-delayed semifinals Saturday and then Isner in a final delayed 12 minutes in the first set by rain drops. He battled a cold most of the two-week tournament, and felt especially sick during the first three days.

GOLF

Donald wins to return to the No. 1 world ranking

The Associated Press

Luke Donald returned to No. 1 in the world the same way he got there the first time.

Donald rallied from a three-shot deficit Sunday at the Transitions with a 5-under 66, then won a four-man playoff on the first extra hole with a shot out of the rough to 6 feet and a birdie putt that curled in the left side of the cup.

He gave a big uppercut with his right fist to celebrate the end of a wild day at Innisbrook – and a devastating finish for Ernie Els.

Els was among eight players who were tied for the lead at some point in the final round, and he had a one-shot lead going into the closing stretch known as the "Snake Pit" at the Copperhead course.

Els missed a 4-foot birdie putt on the 16th, and then badly missed a 4-foot par putt on the 18th hole that caused him to miss the playoff by one shot. He likely has to win in the next two weeks to avoid missing the Masters for the first time since 1993.

Donald ended Rory McIlroy's two-week stay atop the world ranking.

ANDALUCIAN OPEN. Julien Quesne tied the course record with an 8-under 64 for his first European Tour victory.

The 31-year-old birdied four of his final five holes to finish at 17 under, winning by two strokes ahead of Matteo Manassero of Italy (68).

Quesne set up the victory by hitting a 4-iron 220 yards to seven feet for birdie on No. 18.

Quesne, who has been to European Tour Q-School seven times to seek his playing card, also earned a one-year Tour exemption to the end of 2013.

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MEN'S ROUNDUP

Spartans hold off Saint Louis

The Associated Press

Senior Draymond Green scored 16 points with 13 rebounds and set up Keith Appling's crucial 3-pointer with 1:34 left, giving top-seeded Michigan State a 65-61 win over Saint Louis on Sunday and sending the Spartans to the NCAA Tournament's sweet 16.

Michigan State plays fourth-seeded Louisville on Thursday in Phoenix in the West Regional semifinals.

Appling added 19 points for the Spartans (29-7), who had to scrap their way past the ninth-seeded Billikens (26-8). Saint Louis controlled the tempo but never got a complete handle on Green. He added six assists and even helped mop up sweat off the floor in the final minute.

Kwamain Mitchell scored 13 and Brian Conklin 11 for Saint Louis, back in the tournament for the first time since 2000.

NO. 7 FLORIDA 84, NO. 15 NORFOLK STATE 50. Kenny Boynton scored 20 points as Florida reached the regional semifinals for the second straight year.

Norfolk State shook up the West Regional on Friday when it upset No. 2 seed Missouri. It was trying to become the first 15 seed to reach the sweet 16.

Florida put a quick end to that idea, making five 3-pointers during a 25-0 run that made it 29-6 midway through the first half.

The Gators (25-10) made it to the regional semifinals for the sixth time in 12 NCAA Tournament appearances under coach Billy Donovan. They'll play No. 3 seed Marquette on Thursday in Phoenix after their second straight runaway win.

Florida was 4-for-23 from beyond the arc in its tournament opener, but still managed to beat Virginia 71-45. It rediscovered its shooting touch early against Norfolk State (26-10), making five of its first eight 3-point attempts and 10-of-28 for the game.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

NO. 1 NORTH CAROLINA 87, NO. 8 CINCINNATI 73. John Henson proved he's healthy enough to help North Carolina's latest push for the Final Four. It remains to be seen if point guard Kendall Marshall will be able to help the Tar Heels.

Henson had 13 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks in his return from a wrist injury, but Marshall broke a bone in his right wrist during the second half Sunday.

Coach Roy Williams confirmed the injury after the game, and said

he would talk to Marshall and his parents about his status Sunday night. Marshall still finished with 18 points and 11 assists.

North Carolina got off to a fast start and built a 15-point lead in the first half, then kept control and pushed the margin to 19 after the break on the way to its second straight double-digit victory in the Midwest Regional. The top-seeded Tar Heels (31-5) reached the sweet 16 for a record 25th time.

Doug McDermott scored 20 points for the Bluejays (29-6), who shot 41 percent and couldn't keep up with the hot-shooting Tar Heels.

NO. 11 NORTH CAROLINA STATE 66, NO. 3 GEORGETOWN 63. Lorenzo Brown hit three free throws in the final 10.6 seconds and North Carolina State conjured up its glorious tradition by upsetting Georgetown.

A lowly 11th seed coming in, they had to survive a furious comeback by the Hoyas (24-9) and only were assured of the win when Jason Clark's hurried 3-point attempt from the right wing was off the mark at the buzzer.

C.J. Williams, Scott Wood and C.J. Leslie each had 14 points, and Brown added 12 for the Wolfpack (24-12), who earned their first sweet 16 berth in seven years.

WOMEN'S ROUNDUP

Baylor rolls, but Ohio State and Georgia upset

The Associated Press

Brittney Griner scored 14 points in only 22 minutes and top-seeded Baylor rolled to an 81-40 win over 16th-seeded UC Santa Barbara in the Des Moines Regional on Sunday.

Brooklyn Pope had 13 points for the Lady Bears (35-0) and Destiny Williams added 12. Baylor has not lost since the quarterfinals of last year's NCAA Tournament.

Emilie Johnson scored 10 points for UCSB (17-16) but the Gauchos were as overmatched as expected. They swarmed Griner early and prevented her from dominating, but Baylor has plenty of other options.

NO. 9 FLORIDA 70, NO. 8 OHIO STATE 65. Jennifer George had 16 points and six rebounds for Florida.

The Gators (20-12) scored the game's first nine points and held on in front of a crowd packed with fans of the in-state Buckeyes (25-7).

NO. 4 GEORGIA TECH 76, NO. 13 SACRED HEART 50. Georgia Tech freshman guard Sydney Wallace scored a season-high 28 points.

Wallace finished 11-of-13 and hit six 3-pointers while Sasha Goodlett added 12 points and 11 rebounds. They helped Georgia Tech (25-8) set the school's single-season wins record and avoid being upset in the first round for the second time in three years.

NO. 5 GEORGETOWN 61, NO. 12 FRESNO STATE 56. Tia Magee scored 17 points and Georgetown held on to beat Fresno State.

Adria Crawford and Sugar Rodgers added 11 points apiece for the Hoyas (23-8). They never trailed but blew most of a 17-point lead and made just four field goals during the final 15½ minutes – none in the final 6 minutes – before improving to 4-0 in NCAA Tournament openers.

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NO. 1 NOTRE DAME 74, NO. 16 LIBERTY 43. Kayla McBride scored 15 points and Notre Dame opened the game with an 11-0 run to rout Liberty.

The Irish (31-3) will face No. 8 seed California (25-9) on Tuesday at the Purcell Pavilion, where Notre Dame is 16-1 this season.

Natalie Novosel and Brittany Mallory hit 3-pointers to open the scoring. McBride converted a three-point play and Devereaux Peters hit a jumper for an 11-0 lead less than two minutes in.

NO. 8 CALIFORNIA 84, NO. 9 IOWA 74. Layshia Clarendon scored 16 points and California nearly lost a big lead before hanging on to beat Iowa.

The Golden Bears (25-9) watched a 16-point lead slip to six when Iowa's Kamille Wahlin and Kelly Krei hit late 3-pointers. Clarendon made two free throws with 41 seconds left as Cal pushed the lead back to 10 and stopped the rally.

Freshman point guard Brittany Boyd added 15 points, eight assists and six steals for Cal, which had a 41-29 rebounding edge, including 19-7 on the offensive boards.

NO. 13 MARIST 76, NO. 4 GEORGIA 70. Corielle Yarde scored 21 points and Brandy Gang had 18 as the Red Foxes pulled the upset.

Marist shot 52.5 percent and made 21-of-25 free throws for its 11th straight win.

Yarde's three-point play put the Red Foxes up 74-65 with 1:37 left. Casey Dulin added 11 points for Marist (26-7), the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champions.

NO. 5 ST. BONAVENTURE 72, NO. 12 FLORIDA GULF COAST 65, OT. Megan Van Tatenhove scored 18 points, Armelia Horton had 17 and St. Bonaventure rallied to beat Florida Gulf Coast in overtime, snapping the Eagles' 21-game winning streak.

Doris Ortega and Chelsea Bowker added 10 points each for the Bonnies (30-3), who overcame a 53-42 deficit in the final 6½ minutes.

Courtney Chihil sent the game into overtime with the Eagles' only field goal in the final 6:29, a layup that tied it at 58.

LOUISVILLE: plays Maryland tonight

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The "ending last year" was a humbling 79-57 second-round loss to Georgetown on Maryland's home floor.

"Last year we didn't protect our house," Maryland star forward Alyssa Thomas said. "We got blown off the court in front of our own fans. So I know this year, there's a different focus. We just want to go out there and show people we're a different team this year."

Maryland (29-4) enters the game as Atlantic Coast Conference champs and riding an eight-game winning streak, including a 59-44 first-round win over Navy.

Louisville (23-8) beat Michigan State by 12 points Saturday to improve to 10-3 under Walz in the NCAA Tournament.

Frese and Walz worked side by side in 2006 to deliver a national championship to Maryland. Since Walz left, there has been little interaction between the two.

"We're not really concerned about that. It's just another basketball game," Walz said. "This is a game to get to the Sweet 16. Our goal is to be able to move on."

Frese seemingly feels the same way. The sting of losing that game in 2009 won't ever completely vanish, but thinking about it won't help Maryland in the rematch.

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For the Cardinals to win, they must overcome a deep, talented Maryland team that has lost only once since Jan. 26.

"It's a game that we're going to have to play as we have all year to even have a chance," Walz insisted.

That doesn't mean they don't care.

"We're really happy for

his success," Frese said. "Anytime you have assistant coaches who go on and are successful, it speaks volumes."

Because they spent five years together, Frese and Walz have a pretty good idea of the X's and O's in each other's playbook.

"I think from both of our ends we know each other's philosophies," Frese said. "In fact, we even have some of the same play calls. That makes it fun."

Tonight, Frese and Walz are going to be all business. For Walz, the objective is to beat Maryland, and it has nothing to do with Frese being on the other end of the court.

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KENTUCKY: plays Green Bay tonight

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The Wildcats still had enough to get past an overmatched McNeese State, but they'll need more out of Mathies against the Phoenix.

"She needs to play like a Player of the Year. I think she really needs to step up and have a strong will and not let things bother her," Kentucky coach Matthew Mitchell said. "We need a big performance from her, definitely."

Green Bay also has its league's Player of the Year in Julie Wojta, a versatile 6-footer who is averaging 19.6 points and 10 rebounds. But Wojta and guard Lydia Bauer are the tallest players on the Phoenix, and even in defeat Iowa State outrebounded by 12.

Kentucky's size and athleticism could prove to be a major challenge for Green Bay, whose winning formula involves strong perimeter shooting and relentless defense.

fense – but not necessarily controlling the boards.

The Wildcats will likely try to get the Phoenix out of sync by pressing them early and often. Bollant compared Kentucky to a stronger shooting version of Georgia Tech, who Green Bay beat Nov. 26 in overtime.

"It'll just be important for us to slow the game down and make smart passes, make ball fakes and try to attack it," Wojta said. "If they're trying to play 94 feet, if we can make a couple quick simple passes, push it down the floor and try to run on them, I think that will help us."

Despite their seeding, Green Bay was ranked 10th, two spots higher than No. 12 Kentucky, in the Associated Press Top 25.

"They're clearly in my mind the best seventh seed," Mitchell said. "You just put them on the screen and let the kids see it, and I don't think it's going to be too much trouble convincing them how hard we're going to have to play. This will be as big a challenge as we've seen."

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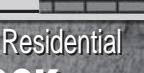
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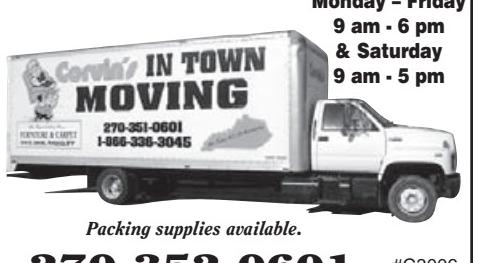
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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY**MARCH 19, 21, 23****Midnight Monday:**

March 15 Hardin County Schools Board meeting

2 a.m.: HCS News and Views

2:30 a.m.: Issues and Insight: Hardin County issues

3 a.m.: Monthly Marquee, local arts

3:30 a.m.: Hardin County Extension Today

4 a.m.: Focus on Finance

4:30 a.m.: Bridges Over Barriers, featuring Family and Youth Resource Centers

5 a.m.: March 15 Hardin County Schools Board meeting

7 a.m.: March 12 Radcliff City Council work session

8:30 a.m.: EIS ExCEL Award ceremony

9:30 a.m.: March 14 Hardin County Chamber of Commerce luncheon

10:30 a.m.: Pre-Diabetes: What is Pre-Diabetes

11 a.m.: March 19 Elizabethtown City Council meeting

Noon: HCS News and Views

12:30 p.m.: Issues and Insight: Hardin County issues

1 p.m.: Diversity Making a Difference in Our Community

1:30 p.m.: United Way Today

2 p.m.: Hardin County Crime Stoppers

2:30 p.m.: Health in the Heartland

3 p.m.: HCS Chalk Talk

3:30 p.m.: Inside the Classroom

4 p.m.: Monday: EIS ExCEL Award ceremony

4 p.m.: Wednesday: Reel Talk, featuring student video packages from Central, John and North Hardin high schools.

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TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY

MARCH 20, 22, 24

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10:30 p.m.: Inside the Classroom

11 p.m.: HCS News and Views

11:30 p.m.: Issues and Insight: Nonprofit organization

ENTERTAINMENT

The comedian **Gallagher** is telling jokes after being taken out of a medically induced coma that doctors put him in following his heart attack last week in Texas.

**GALLAGHER**

Doctors woke up Gallagher on Sunday morning. His promotional manager, Christine Scherrer, said Gallagher immediately recognized his family and started talking to them. She says he's breathing on his own, moving and joking around.

The comedian, whose full name is Leo Anthony Gallagher, is known for smashing watermelons with a sledgehammer.

Scherrer says Gallagher had two

stents replaced after collapsing Wednesday before a performance.

Scherrer isn't sure how long Gallagher will remain hospitalized but says he appreciates fans' thoughts and prayers.

■ **Jerry Lewis** did not turn 86 quietly.

The comedian and filmmaker flew in to New York from Las Vegas for an hours-long celebration Friday night.

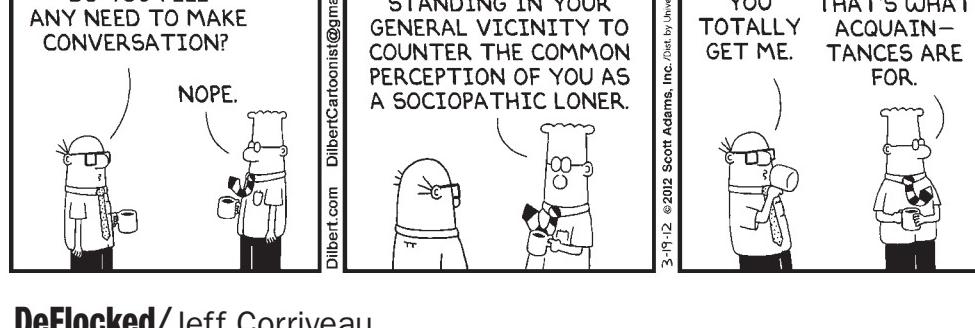
It started with an onstage interview at Manhattan's 92nd Street Y, then continued in midtown at the Friars Club, where hundreds gathered to sing happy birthday to Lewis, who added his trademark goofy voice. Wearing a dark blazer and bright red shirt, Lewis sat at a corner table in the club's Frank Sinatra room, with **Richard Belzer** and **Robert Klein** among those at his table.

The Associated Press

DAYTIME TV THIS WEEK**WEEKDAY MORNING**

Cable Key: E-E'town/Hardin/Vine Grove/LaRue R/B-Radcliff/Fort Knox/Muldraugh/Brandenburg

E	R	B	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00
HCEC	2	25	2	Varied Programs									Varied Prog.
WAVE	3	6	3	Today		Today			Wave 3 News	Extra	Wave Listens		Days of our Lives
WHAS	11	4	11	Good Morning America	Great Day Live!		The Doctors		The View	WHAS-11 Live at Noon			The Chew
WLKY	5	5	5	CBS This Morning	Anderson	Let's Make a Deal			The Price Is Right	WLKY News at Noon			Access Hollywood
WDRB	12	9	12	WDRB in the Morning	Live! With Kelly	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Judge Judy	WDRB News at 11:30	Family Feud	Family Feud	Rachael Ray		
WBNA	6	21	10	Joyce Meyer	Ultimate Living	2012 Word Alive Winter Revival			Joseph Prince	Living the Life w/ S.F.	Meet the Browns	Tyler Perry's House of Payne	Wave 3 News Midday
KET2	8	15	14	Body Electric	Var. Programs	GED Connection	GED Connection	Varied Programs			Charlie Rose		Caillou
WMYO	16	10	16	Dr. Phil	The 700 Club	Judge Alex	Divorce Court		The Steve Wilkos Show	Jerry Springer	Maury		
WBKO	13		13	Good Morning America		Live! With Kelly			The View	WBKO at Midday			The Chew
KET	9	13	4	Curious George	Cat in the Hat	Super Why!	Dinosaur Train	Sesame Street	Sid the Science	WordWorld	Reggs	Clifford-Dog	GED Connection
WBKI	7	7	17	Paid Program	Paid Program	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Cosby Show	The King of Queens	Cash Cab	We the People Gloria Allred	We the People Gloria Allred	America's Court
WKYT	18		7	CBS This Morning		Live! With Kelly		27 Newsfirst Mid-Morning	The Bold and the Beautiful	The Price Is Right	27 Newsfirst at Noon	27 Newsfirst at Noon	The Young and the Restless
A&E	52	36	79	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Criminal Minds	Var. Programs	Criminal Minds			CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	Criminal Minds
AMC	53	26	46	Paid Program	Var. Programs	Three Stooges	Varied Programs						
ANIM	32	60	78	The Crocodile Hunter		Must Love Cats		Animal Cops Houston		Animal Cops Houston		Animal Cops Houston	
BET	42	49	80	Bernie Mac	Bernie Mac	Bernie Mac	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	My Wife & Kids	My Wife & Kids	The Parkers	The Parkers	Movie
CMTV	45	66	86	CMT Music		CMT Music	Var. Programs	CMT Music	Var. Programs	CMT Music	Varied Programs		
CNBC	23	39	27	Squawk Box		Squawk on the Street					Fast Money Halftime Report		Power Lunch
CNN	24	34	34	Starting Point		CNN Newsroom							CNN Newsroom
COMD	58	59	50	Paid Program	Paid Program	Entourage	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Comedy Central	Comedy Central	RENO 911!		Movie
DISC	33	38	62	Joyce Meyer	Paid Program	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	I (Almost) Got Away With It	Unusual Suspects				FBI: Criminal Pursuit
DISN	99	29	67	Mickey Mouse	Never Land	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Little Einsteins	Little Einsteins	Mickey Mouse	Octonauts	Mickey Mouse	3rd & Bird
EITV	56	56	49	Varied Programs				Khloe & Lamar	Varied Programs				Var. Programs
FXNWS	29	31	26	FOX and Friends		America's Newsroom							America Live
FXSO	40	55	40	Blue Jackets	Cavaliers Live	The Dan Patrick Show							Varied Programs
FXSS	41	70	36	Varied Programs		The Dan Patrick Show							Varied Programs
GSN	173	111	72	Match Game	Match Game	Family Feud	Family Feud	Card Sharks	\$100,000 Pyr.	Card Sharks	Match Game	Lingo	Lingo
HALL	77	68	68	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Martha Stewart Show		Mad Hungry	Mad Hungry	Emeril's Table	Petkeeping	Martha Stewart
HGTV	49	51	77	Varied Programs							Designed/Sell	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l
HIST	61	54	58	Varied Programs									Var. Programs
LIFE	34	35	23	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Old Christine	Old Christine	Old Christine	Old Christine	Grey's Anatomy
MSNBC	185	45	28	Morning Joe		The Daily Rundown		Jansing and Co.	</td				

Ziggy/Tom Wilson**Family Circus/Jeff Keene****Free Range/Bill Whitehead****Marmaduke/Brad Anderson****Dilbert/Scott Adams**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Don't overdo it. Size down, rather than up. You need to put things in perspective and do what's best for you. Too much of anything will work against you. Focus on attainable goals. Hone your skills and apply what you have to offer strategically. Love is highlighted and will lead to positive, life-altering changes. Your numbers are 3, 10, 14, 21, 25, 37, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be too anxious to share your feelings. Plan a tight schedule geared toward a productive humanitarian cause. Idle time will lead to emotional encounters that you are far better off avoiding for the time being.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do everything in your power to keep the peace. Moodiness will result in a silly misunderstanding. Plan activities that will bring out your finer qualities or will help you hone your skills. You will learn from a situation you face.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Sign up for volunteer work or get involved in a cause you feel strongly about contributing to and you will share interesting ideas with people who have similar interests. Don't let someone who is jealous or stubborn hold you back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't

spend impulsively or for the wrong reason. Offer your time or your skills rather than cash if you are asked to contribute to a worthy cause. Someone you meet will help you expand your interests and your ability to get ahead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Including the people you love most in whatever activity you engage in will help keep the peace and ensure that you get to do something you find mentally stimulating. Sharing and caring go hand-in-hand and will lead to your happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't mix business with pleasure. Get work out of the way before you move on to social activities. Love and romance are highlighted, along with shopping, updating your look and traveling to places of interest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put your money and possessions in a safe place. Don't give to anyone asking for a handout. Pamper yourself for a change. You'll find something unusual if you go shopping. Don't let children, parents or your lover be demanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Honesty is the best policy, especially when dealing with emotional matters. You cannot always please everyone, but you do have to take care of your needs. Good communication will lead to solutions that will suit even your toughest critics.

CARCINUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your spirits up by taking on projects that make you think and allow you to hone your skills. Don't let someone from your past come between you and your dreams for the future. A last-minute change will be beneficial.

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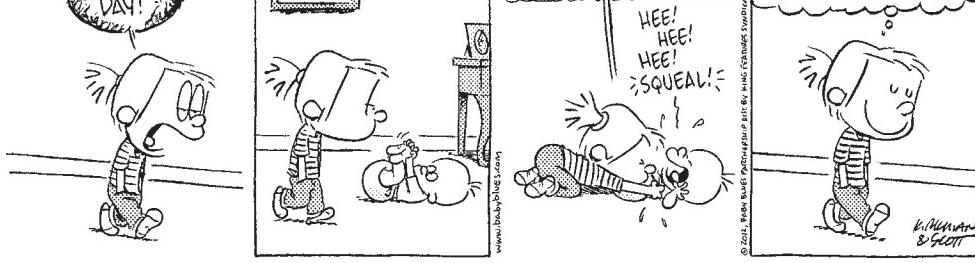
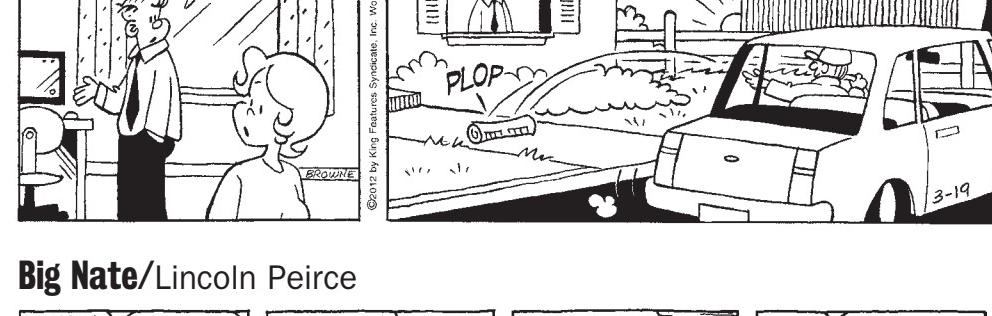
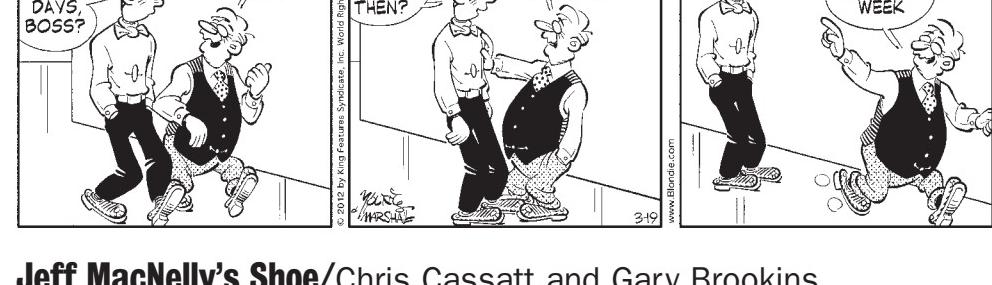
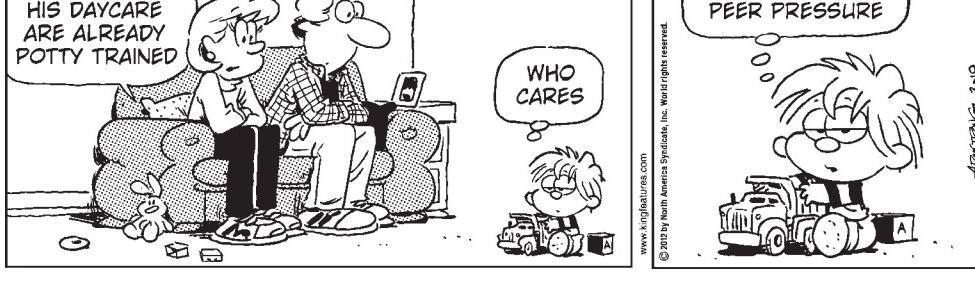
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SHELBY

Word families help teach phonics

Question: My second-grader simply can't sound out most new words; however, she is a very good reader. If you tell her what a word is, she remembers it or figures it out through context.

Her teacher's reaction is: "Some kids just don't get phonics." This remark bothered me. Is it important for my child to become more skilled with phonics? — Good Reader

Answer: Children learn to read in different ways. Your daughter is a sight reader. This is the way children were taught to read years ago. It would be helpful if your daughter could use phonics to recognize the first sound in words, as it would make it easier for her to use context in recognizing them. While she may never be great at phonics, it is highly probable that she already has some knowledge of phonics simply through her ability to read so well.

You should be able to increase your child's knowledge of phonics by teaching her some common word families. A word family is a combination of letters that makes a certain sound. If your child knows the sound of a word family, such as -ay, she would be able to sound out and read the -ay family words including hay, day, may, say and pay.

The word family approach is incorporated in many basal reading series, phonics systems, reading-readiness lessons and spelling series. When your child cannot sound out a word, recognizing a word family in it will help her to do so.

Here are the 38 most commonly used word families used in one syllable words: -ay, -ill, -ip, -at, -am, -ag, -ack, -ank, -ick, -ell, -ot, -ing, -ap, -unk, -ail, -ain, -eed, -y, -out, -ug, -op, -in, -an, -est, -ink, -ow, -ew, -ore, -ed, -ab, -ob, -ock, -ake, -ine, -ight, -im, -uck and -um.

Your daughter can have fun learning these words. Introduce her to a word family and then have her see how many words she can write.

For reading practice, search the Internet for Word Family Readers.

Question: Why don't parents realize times are different from when they were growing up? All parents want their children to do better than they did. But the way they go about doing it is all wrong.

Parents need to loosen up about our grades. They are important, but a B is OK. It means above average.

Parents believe the more they push the better their children will do in school. This is not always the case. Often, the harder parents push, the faster kids fall behind. — Teenager

Answer: Obviously, pushing children to do better in school is not always an effective strategy. And, as you say, it can backfire, especially if it is not based on what a child realistically can achieve. At the same time, without parents' emphasis on grades, many teens would not do the quality of work that will get them admitted to college and help them earn scholarships.

Plus, for most children, simply doing their homework and paying attention in class usually leads to an honor roll performance.

B grades, as you say, are OK. For most students, they show a dedication to doing well in school.

Send questions and comments to Dear Teacher, in care of The News-Enterprise, 1 North Illinois Street No. 2004, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or log on to www.dearteacher.com, or email DearTeacher@DearTeacher.com.



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Baking up business

Duo finds opportunity in the kitchen

By BECCA OWSLEY
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For Jennifer Pinto and Mariana Arce, 15-year-old freshmen at Elizabethtown High School, baking is a hobby they hope will lead to a business venture.

Both have baked individually, helping their parents and making treats for their classmates. They have been baking together for about a year while preparing for their business, Cakes Galore.

While they are perfecting their craft, they make cakes for their friends. They brainstorm ideas and Mariana, who likes art, will sketch the ideas.

They love the television show "Cake Boss."

"It's an obsession," Mariana said.

When these girls talk about starting a business, they mean business. They've taken cake decorating classes at Michaels and researched various recipes to find just the right ones they want to use.

They've experimented with making marshmallow fondant, which turned out too sticky. Online, they found their preference, Satin Ice fondant, because that's what the cake boss Buddy Valastro uses.

Jennifer even got a hot pink KitchenAid stand mixer with a clear mixing bowl for her birthday.

And they've already designed and printed professional business cards.

The girls both profess to be "super OCD" with school work so baking is a stress release. They'll get together on weekends and bake cookies for their lunches the following week.

"It's a win-win situation," Jennifer said, explaining they get stress release plus the cookies.

Baking, for Jennifer, also helps with problem-solving skills and thinking on her feet.

While baking, the girls giggle and joke around. As they made their fresh strawberry cake, Mariana remarked that the batter was "like happiness in a bowl."

Usually, while waiting for something to finish baking they play the video game "Just Dance." They also make up songs while cooking about random things like lard.

They advise practicing recipes many times. They've burnt food and



Mariana Arce, left, and Jennifer Pinto, business partners of Cakes Galore, pour the batter for their strawberry cake.

learned lessons as they went.

Other tips include measure things correctly, write out the measurements if you half the recipe, remember to preheat the oven, use real vanilla for better flavor — because that's what the "Barefoot Contessa" Ina Garten does — and double check the recipe.

More specifically, they advise against baking the cookies as long as the recipe says because they've burnt cookies that way.

"Once you burn them there's no going back," Jennifer said.

Another lesson they've learned is letting cakes cool long enough because they've tried to take them out of the pan early, causing the cakes to break apart.

"Then it's a mess and you start crying," Mariana said.

Neither thinks they will make a career of baking as they hope to turn their hobby into a small business while they are in school.

"We bring happiness to people through our baked goods and our smiles," Jennifer said.

Becca Owsley can be reached at (270) 505-1741.

Fresh Strawberry Cake

Adapted from "Confections of a Foodie Bride"

Cake

18 ounces very ripe fresh strawberries, hulled

1-2 teaspoons sugar (for strawberries)

1/4 cup milk, room temperature

6 large egg whites, room temperature

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

2 1/4 cups cake flour, sifted

1 3/4 cup sugar

4 teaspoons, baking powder

Cut stems off strawberries and chop into approximately one-inch cubes (small enough to mash).

Toss with one to two teaspoons of sugar.

Using a potato masher, mash the strawberries until there are only a few chunks (you can use a food processor but you won't have any chunks of strawberry in your cake).

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Prepare two eight-inch cake pans with baking spray or parchment paper.

In a small bowl, mix the strawberries, milk, egg and vanilla with a fork until well blended.

In a bowl or stand mixture, add sifted flour, sugar, baking powder and salt; mix.

Continue beating at slow speed and add butter.

Mix until ingredients resemble moist crumbs.

Add liquid mixture and beat at medium speed for about one minute or until evenly combined.

Stop



1 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, softened

Whipped Cream Frosting (from finecooking.com)

3 cups heavy whipping cream

5 tablespoons sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

mixer to scrape down the sides of the bowl and then beat for another 30 seconds. Divide the batter evenly in the pans and smooth tops.

Bake for about 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean (time will vary depending on the oven). Let cakes rest in the pan for about 10 minutes and turn out onto wire racks. Let cakes cool completely (about 2 hours).

For the frosting, chill the bowl and whisk attachment of a stand mixer in the freezer for five minutes.

Add whipping cream to the bowl and whisk on medium-high until it just starts to thicken. Slow the speed to medium and add sugar gradually. Whisk until soft peaks form. Add vanilla and whisk until the cream is smooth and stiff peaks form.

Fill the cakes with the frosting. Ice stacked cake in frosting and serve.

Meeting the demands of 21st century teaching and learning

By DR. FRANK CALVANO

This new millennium already has seen some dramatic technological innovations. We now live in a globalized, diverse and media-saturated society.

Today's kindergarteners will be entering the job workplace in the years following 2025. Given the rapid rate of change in this first decade alone, it is difficult to imagine what the world will look like in five years, much less 12. Yet we are charged with educating and preparing our students for life in that world.

How should education and our schools be structured to meet the requirements of our students in this 21st century world?

The need to shift from a man-

ufacturing- and agriculture-based economy to one that is professional- and service-jobs oriented dramatically changes what students will need to learn and how they will learn it. Today's and tomorrow's schools are student-oriented, problem-based centers where students will develop skills for collaboration, communication, problem-solving and technology to prepare them to be the global citizens our new world demands.

What is this going to look like?

That is the question Fort Knox students, teachers, parents and administrators are discussing and analyzing as they plan to build our new schools. We realize the environment of our world has

changed and that means we need to change the environment in which our students learn.

Today's students often are referred to as digital natives and today's educators as digital immigrants. Teachers are working with students whose lives are immersed in 21st century technology and media. Today's students are digital learners who take in the world through a lens of technological devices — laptops, tablets, cell phones, TVs, handheld gaming devices and gaming consoles.

To develop the requisite student skills, our schools will need to access and utilize these tools to enable our students to become truly media literate. Their learning and working collaboratively

may be accomplished online with other students around the world.

DoDEA currently has an active virtual high school that allows students access to classes that are not taught in the local high schools. Our art teachers work with curators at the Smithsonian American Art Museum for live virtual field trips and sessions for the students. These interactive, Web-based technologies offer access to learning that bridges the gap between past, present and future.

So, while the exact "what" our students will need to know for the future is unknown, we do know the common skills and experiences all students will need to help them be successful in this

rapidly changing world. We all need to be lifelong learners and persistent problem solvers as we seek to adapt to the new technology and a world that is evolving daily. The 21st century teaching and learning will emerge as technology evolves and the world continues on its rapid pace of change.

Our task in the critical years ahead is to prepare the "whole child" to meet this challenge through the restructuring of our schools and curriculum.

Dr. Frank Calvano is superintendent of the Kentucky District, comprised of the Fort Knox and Fort Campbell school systems. The Kentucky District is a part of DoDEA, the Department of Defense Education Activity.

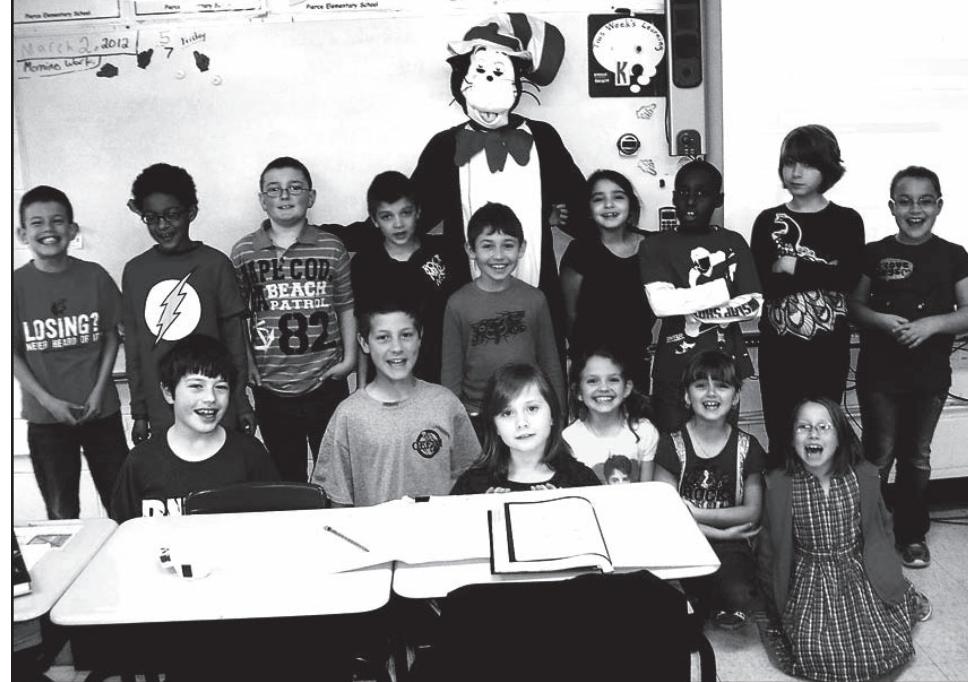
CRADLE CUBS



KinderMusik fun

The Cradle Cubs program is sponsored by the Elizabethtown Independent Schools' Family Resource Center. Joanna Black instructs using the KinderMusik curriculum and helps parents understand the role music plays in their child's brain development. Various techniques are used to get little ones engaged and improve awareness. An understanding of rhythm and beat has also been shown to improve cognitive abilities as one gets older. At top, students and parents practice playing their pretend instruments to a song. Students heard the sounds that different instruments made. Then, while listening to a song, students must play each instrument as it changes on the song. Above, students play sandblocks and march in rhythm to a song. Ms. Joanna uses sandblock instruments to help students understand the difference between loud and soft and to listen carefully as the song changes.

PIERCE



WOODLAND



Woodland Writing Wall of Fame

Woodland Elementary School Principal Dawn Tarquinio recently inducted students into the February Woodland Writing Wall of Fame.

NEW HIGHLAND



Artistic students

At left top, New Highland Elementary School third-graders Jordan, Shawn and Thomas display artwork that contains a quilt as a focal point. Quilts were studied during the Appalachian Unit. At left bottom, Anyzjah, Skyler and Melody enjoy painting using red and yellow. The painting unit was on mixing the primary colors to create secondary colors.

Taking the stage



New Highland Elementary School students Jazmyn, Erica and Camden recently auditioned, rehearsed and performed with the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Tortoise Versus the Hare" at the Hardin County School's Performing Arts Center. From left, Jazmyn was cast as a member of Curly's Posse; Erica was cast as a member of the Thespian Troupe; and Camden was cast as a member of the Curly Hare Fan Club.

LAKEWOOD



Legislator in training



LINCOLN TRAIL



Read Across America Day festivities



Lincoln Trail Elementary School celebrated Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Part of the festivities included around 70 Central Hardin High School students, above, coming to read to the Lincoln Trail students. The elementary school students appreciated the high school students taking the time to be part of their special day.

MORNINGSIDE

**Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss**

Mrs. Pinkham's kindergarten class at Morningside Elementary School celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday recently. At left, Jenny Lynch, former MES librarian and grandmother of Connor, came to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading "Fox in Sox" to his class on Silly Socks Day. The students celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday all week with various activities. On Wednesday, they read "Wacky Wednesday" by the author and dressed up in their wackiest wardrobe. Below are Lilly, Janaishia, Tatum, Liam, Chelsea and Alivia.



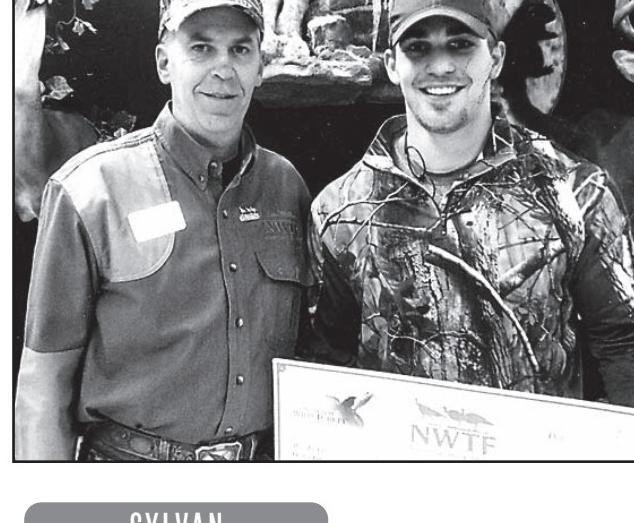
T.K. STONE

**Book drive
at TKS**

Kerrie Bal, a language arts teacher at T.K. Stone Middle School, organized a book drive as part of her leadership project for K-TIP. K-TIP is a program designed to assist first-year teachers. Eight hundred books were collected from students and staff. They will be distributed to language arts teachers at T.K. Stone to be included as part of their in-class libraries. Any books not used at T.K. Stone will be donated to the elementary and high schools.

**Supporting
archery**

T.K. Stone Middle School physical education instructor Daniel Thorn, right, accepts a check from Heartland Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation member Lynn Shagool. The grant will help start an archery program at the school.



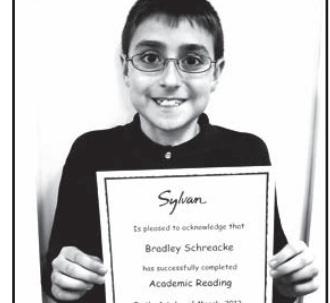
SYLVAN

**100 hours completed**

Above, from left, LeeAnn Noble, Dianne Noble and Bradley Schreake each have completed 100 hours of instruction at Sylvan Learning Center.

Great readers

From left, Bradley Schreake and Gavin Metcalf have completed reading programs at Sylvan Learning Center in Elizabethtown.



NORTH PARK

**Helping their school**

Students from North Park Elementary STLP (Student Technology Leadership Program) are collecting used printer cartridges and cell phones to recycle. Money raised from this project will help with playground expenses.

RINEYVILLE ELEMENTARY

The following Rineyville Elementary School students have earned Academic Honor for the third quarter of the 2011-12 school year:

FOURTH GRADE

All As: Ethan Baird, Jared Baird, Alyssa Baxter, Dalton Casey, Kurtlyn Creamer, Kylie Croley, Charles Elkins, Skyler Hanninen, Ethan Malunay, Anastasia Newsome, Hannah Orta, Jason Peropat, Zachary Richardson, Tyler Sipes, Aubrianna Stephens, Jaedyn VanBlijenburgh and Jake Zandi.

ALL AS AND BS: Haleigh Adams, Emily Alton, Kelsey Baker, Amelia Baughn, Arianna Brown, Jenna Burgess, Caitlyn Charlier, Amanda Circle, Katie Cline, Riley Colyer, Michael Cortellessa, Autumn Cunningham, Nathan Easterling, Darren Green, Lara Hagan, Hunter Hodgkiss, Hailey Hoernke, Darius Hyatte, Joshua Johnson, Niya Johnson, Matthew Lindsay, Alanna Livingston, Ryan Marshall, Kylie

McAtee, Annan Miller, Isaac Milliner, Sophie Mueller, Jacob Peery, Trevor Raposo, Ricardo Resto, Randall Smith, Damon Sprangler, Karl Stewart, Samantha Sutton, Han-nah Talbert, Sequoyah Vannater and Caleb Vitito.

FIFTH GRADE

All As: Kaylin Armbrust, James Brewer, Hannah Carlotti, Kyle Collin, Nathaniel Culbreath, Nolan Francis, Hannah Inman, Merideth Nikirk, Justin Russell, Meg Slatton and Rachel Wiseman.

All As and Bs: Spencer Ames, Austin Boshart, Rylee Brown, Stephen Hill, Brandon Lewis, Henry Maldonado, Kaitlynn Manson, Sam McNeil, Zachary Mitchum, Jacob Mouser, Emily Nowacki, Brooke O'Bannon-Milesko, Joshua Orta, Evan Park, Sarah Pilette, Natasha Rogers, Katie Upton, Chelsea Yates and Kelsie Yates.

Youth Calendar

Email children's activities or events to calendars@thenewspaper.com, fax to 769-6965 or mail to 408 W. Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Today**Hardin County Public Library Movie**

Mondays for kids, noon-1:30 p.m. March 19, Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town, showing "Babe: A Gallant Pig." All ages welcome. No registration required. POC: 769-6337.

Hardin County Public Library Kids Lego

Night @ the Library, 5-6 p.m. March 27, Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town, for ages 7 and older. Donations needed of new or gently used Legos. POC: 769-6337.

2012 Hardin County 4-H Poster Contest

deadline is March 30 rules and guidelines available at Hardin County Extension Service, 201 Peterson Drive, E'town, or download from www.hardin4h.org. Bring entry to Extension office or email to marla.stillwell@uky.edu.

Registration deadline for 4-H Entomology Project workshop series

is April 2; event is 4-6 p.m. April 18, May 9, May 23 and June 20 and 9-12 p.m. June 9, Hardin County Extension Service, 201 Peterson Drive, E'town; come learn about bugs; for all youth ages 9-18; \$15. POC: 765-4121.

ECTC ACT Prep Class: Overview

6-9 p.m. April 5, ECTC; \$39; call Workforce Solutions at ECTC for information or to enroll (deadline, week before class), 706-8702 (toll-free, 1-877-246-2322, ext. 68702) or visit www.elizabethtown.kctcs.edu and click on Workforce Solutions tab.

ECTC ACT Prep Class: Math

6-9 p.m. April 9, ECTC; \$39; call Workforce Solutions at ECTC for information or to enroll (deadline, week before class), 706-8702 (toll-free, 1-877-246-2322, ext. 68702) or visit www.elizabethtown.kctcs.edu and click on Workforce Solutions tab.

ECTC ACT Prep Class: English

6-9 p.m. April 11, ECTC; \$39; call Workforce Solutions at ECTC for information or to enroll (deadline, week before class), 706-8702 (toll-free, 1-877-246-2322, ext. 68702) or visit www.elizabethtown.kctcs.edu and click on Workforce Solutions tab.

ECTC ACT Prep Class: Science

6-9 p.m. April 12, ECTC; \$39; call Workforce Solutions at ECTC for information or to enroll (deadline, week before class), 706-8702 (toll-free, 1-877-246-2322, ext. 68702) or visit www.elizabethtown.kctcs.edu and click on Workforce Solutions tab.

ECTC ACT Prep Class: Reading

6-9 p.m. April 13, ECTC; \$39; call Workforce Solutions at ECTC for information or to enroll (deadline, week before class), 706-8702 (toll-free, 1-877-246-2322, ext. 68702) or visit www.elizabethtown.kctcs.edu and click on Workforce Solutions tab.

An Evening in Paris, "Me and My Guy"

dance, 3-6 p.m. April 14, Van Voorhis Elementary School, Fort Knox, presented by the Fort Knox Girl Scouts Service Unit. Dress: Sunday best or better. Tickets \$5 per person; open to public. Dancing, appetizers and door prizes; Komo Photography offers a photo session for additional cost of \$10 and \$20 (optional); tickets on sale through April 13. Girls up to age of 18 and their male escorts (16 years or older) may purchase tickets; you do not have to be a registered Scout to purchase tickets. POC: Patricia Cortazar, 312-0292, or email mrse2nv@gmail.com.

Thursday**Hardin County Public Library, North Branch, story hour**

10-11 a.m. for ages 3-5. Participants may register for either the Tuesday classes or the Thursday classes. POC: Tara Lewis-Tidwell, 351-9999.

Wednesday**Vine Grove Junior Firefighters**

7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays, at Vine Grove Fire Station, 513 Highland Ave.; open to all age 14-18 who want to learn about firefighting or other emergency service careers. Parents welcome. POC: Ken Lucey, 272-4488.

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Friday**Clash of the Commonwealth**

6:30 p.m. March 23, Elizabethtown High School gym. \$3 admission. EHS and Helmwood Heights faculties will play T.K. Stone and Morningside Elementary faculties at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., kindergarten through 12th grade students will warm up with Western Kentucky University and University of Kentucky dodgeball players. At 7:30 p.m., WKU vs. UK Class of the Commonwealth dodgeball game. Concessions available. Proceeds benefit EHS Project Graduation. POC: Kelly Cruze, 234-3157.

Saturday**4-H Clover Buds Club**

for youth between ages of 5 and 8, meets from 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of the month at the Hardin County Extension office, 201 Peterson Drive, E'town. Club is for children who want to be involved in 4-H before they reach the official 4-H age (9 years). POC: Marla Stilwell, 765-4121; www.hardin4h.org.

Sunday**E'town Head Start Preschool**

accepting applications for 2012-13 school year. Free for children who will be 3 or 4 years old by Oct. 1, 2012. POC: 765-4765 or 769-

Upcoming**Great readers**

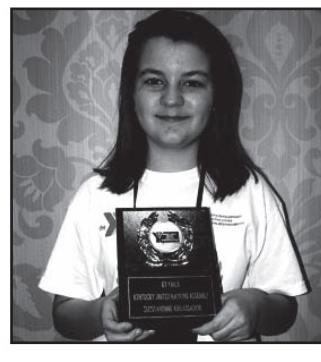
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ST. JAMES

St. James students attend KUNA event

St. James Catholic Regional School was represented by 16 middle school students at Kentucky's annual KUNA (Kentucky United Nation Assembly) event this month.

Students at the event discussed world issues, which allowed the students to think creatively on how to solve these problems. St. James represented two countries at the conference, Madagascar and South Sudan. They were recognized for three awards: Excellent Delegation; Highest Proposal, won by Rebecca Black, Chloe Sheeran, Hadley Handel and Lauren Hartlage; and Outstanding Ambassador, won by Mara Whelehan.



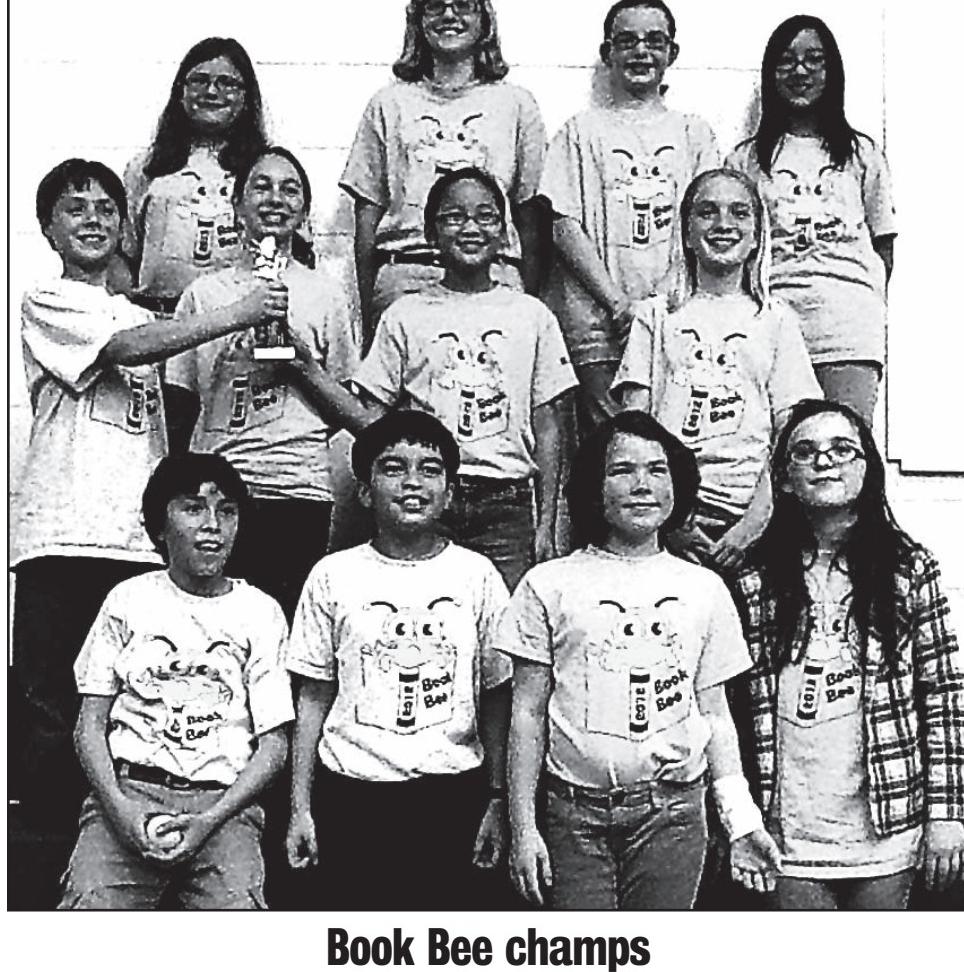
Mara Whelehan won the Outstanding Ambassador award at KUNA.



Rebecca Black, Chloe Sheeran, Hadley Handel and Lauren Hartlage won the Highest Proposal award at KUNA.

**And the winning class is...**

Class 80 was the winner of the St. James Catholic Regional School Accelerated Reader Contest. The class accumulated 1,870 points for the third quarter. Sixth, seventh and eighth grades earned more than 11,000 points for the quarter.

**Book Bee champs**

The St. James Catholic Regional School fifth-grade Book Bee team took first place in the Archdiocesan Book Bee competition March 8, bringing back to St. James a first-place trophy. Team members are, back row from left, Kristin Lancaster, Laine Gaddie, Grace Powers and Alyssa Davis; middle row, Adam McAnally, Anna Knowles, Langley Williams and Alex Lanz; and front row, David Sanchez, Spencer Brandenburg, Hallie Williams and Maddie Andretta.

EIS

EIS holds preregistration

Elizabethtown Independent Schools will hold preregistration from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 22 for kindergarten through 12th-grade students who will be new to the district. Preregistration is not necessary for students currently enrolled.

Kindergarten preregistration will be at Panther Academy at 634 N. Mulberry St. To enroll in kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, a student must be 5 years old by Oct. 1.

For first through eighth grades, preregistration will be held in the principal's office of the respective schools; T.K. Stone Middle School, located at 332 Morningside Drive, serves students in grades sixth through eighth. Morningside Elementary, at 313 Morningside Drive, and Helmwood Heights Elementary, at 307 Cardinal Drive, serve students in first through fifth grades.

For students in ninth through 12th grades, call the Elizabethtown High School guidance office at 769-3381 to schedule an appointment. The school is located at 620 N. Mulberry St.

Preschool registration will be at a later

date.

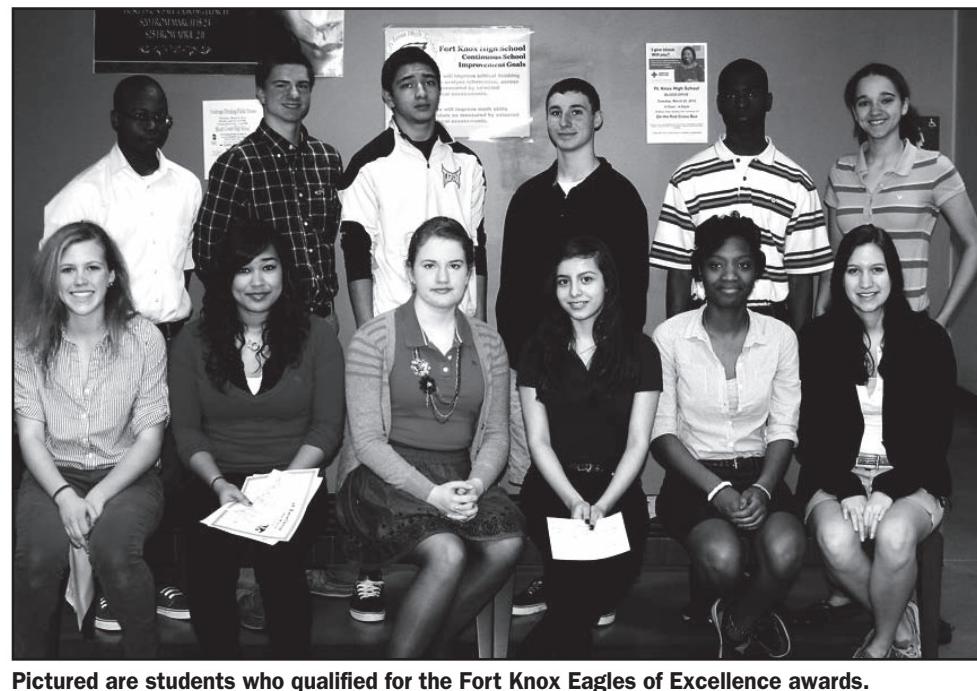
Parents/guardians should bring the following: child's state certified birth certificate, child's social security card; if available, the child's current Kentucky certificate of immunization that includes verification of chickenpox vaccination or a written statement from the physician or parent/guardian verifying that the child has had chickenpox; any academic records to assist in placement.

Forms for the required physical exam and/or vision exam and/or dental exam will be provided at preregistration and must be submitted to the school prior to Aug. 7.

For information, contact the school the child will be attending: Panther Academy (kindergarten), Kim Druen or Gayla Barnard, 765-6146 prior to March 22, or call Panther Academy, 765-3007, on the day of preregistration; Morningside Elementary, 769-3359; Helmwood Heights Elementary, 769-1328; T.K. Stone Middle School, 769-6343; or Elizabethtown High School, 769-3381.

If unable to preregister a child on March 22, call the school to arrange a time for preregistration.

FORT KNOX HIGH



Pictured are students who qualified for the Fort Knox Eagles of Excellence awards.

FKHS students named Eagles of Excellence for February

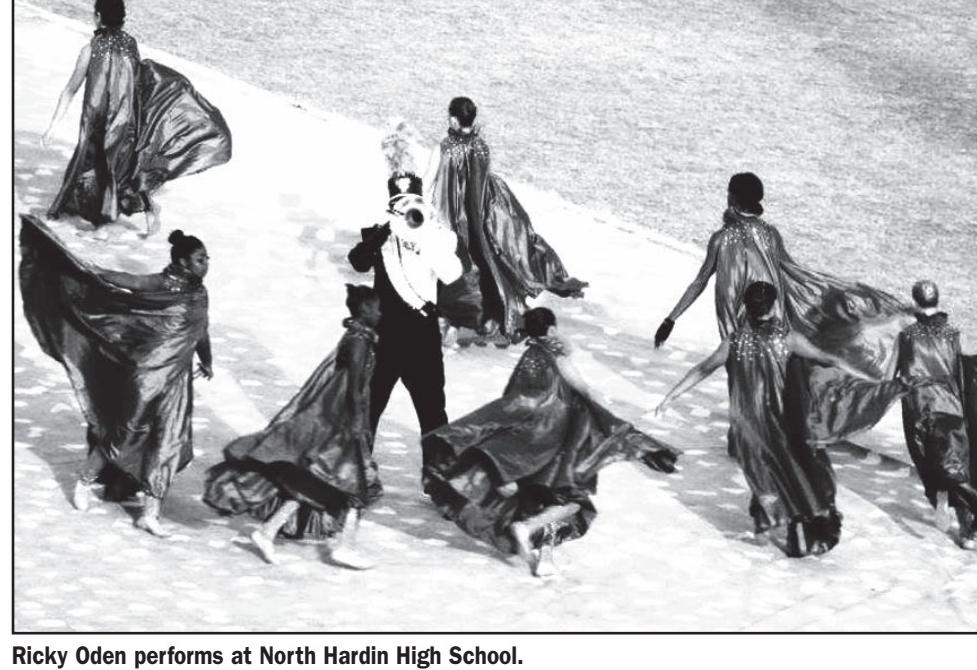
Six Fort Knox High School students were named Eagles of Excellence for February. Thirty-nine students were initially nominated by 12 staff members.

Students of the month drawn at random from the 13 students who met all the qualifications included senior Hyrum Dean, nominated by Laurie Walker, and junior Kaitlyn Basnett, nominated by Wen Lu and Chief Scott Akin. Sophomore honorees were Briana Quichocho, nominated by Martha Wiser-Partin and Christine Winders, and Caleb Rush, nominated by Patricia Canada. Freshmen winners were Audrey Ward, nominated by Michele Beck and Chief Scott Akin, and Cody Lewis, nominated by Martha Wiser-Partin. The students

were initially nominated by a classroom teacher and consequently met school-wide requirements. They received certificates and were recognized in the commons area on a special bulletin board.

Other students who qualified for the award were senior Kenneth Rush, nominated by Christine Winders; junior Hannah Boulware, nominated by Martha Wiser-Partin; sophomores Susanna McCray, nominated by Meredith Linscott, Christina Rice, nominated by Patricia Canada, Jonathan Dray, nominated by Meredith Linscott and Chris Gange nominated by Martha Wiser-Partin; and freshman Shazia Olivares, nominated by Patricia Canada and Bill Price.

NORTH HARDIN



Ricky Oden performs at North Hardin High School.

Oden wins U of K School of Music Lewis Award

Ricky Oden, a senior euphonium soloist at North Hardin High School, won the University of Kentucky School of Music's most prestigious four-year scholarship, the Lewis Award. The award goes to only one freshman each year.

In order to audition for the Lewis Award, all candidates must audition first for a regular music scholarship. Then, they must be nominated by the faculty member in that particular performance area for the Lewis Award audition.

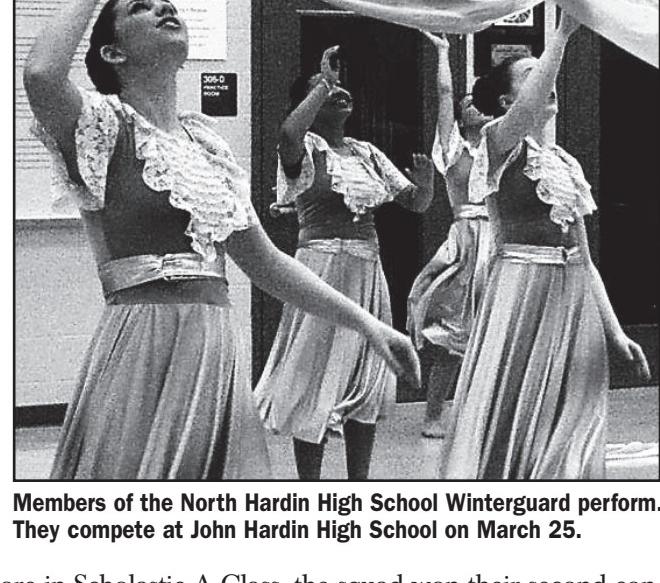
Ricky was also chosen as first chair for the elite 2012 KMEA All-State Symphonic Band and as a member of the 2012 UK High School Honors Wind Ensemble.

North Hardin Winterguard shines at competitions

On March 3, the North Hardin High School Winterguard placed fifth at TriStateCircuit Bryan Station competition in Lexington. In Scholastic A Class, the squad competed against Castle (Ind.), Paul Laurence Dunbar, George Rogers Clark, Beechwood and John Hardin.

On March 11, North Hardin Winterguard won first place at TriStateCircuit Elizabethtown competition. With the highest score in Scholastic A Class, the squad won their second contest of the season, competing against John Hardin and Elizabethtown.

The next competition is March 25 at John Hardin High School. North Hardin JV also will perform at the John Hardin event.

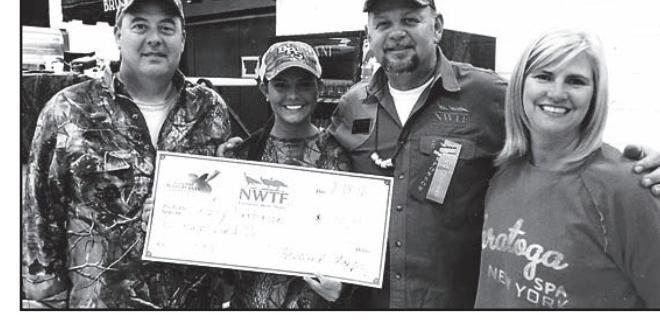


Members of the North Hardin High School Winterguard perform. They compete at John Hardin High School on March 25.

ELIZABETHTOWN HIGH

Scholarship recipient

Elizabethtown High School senior Lindsey Patterson, center, accepts a scholarship check from Heartland Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation President David Gibson. Lindsey will attend the University of Kentucky and pursue a degree in nursing. Pictured with her are her parents, Aaron and Jennifer Patterson.



SCHOLARSHIPS



LaRue County Middle School students receiving the Magnolia Bank Preparing for Success Scholarships include, first row from left, William Daniel Pearman, Mallory Brooke Williams and Zachary Hefner-Smith; and second row, Skyler Trenton Hornback, Martin Dane Milby, Justin Clay Brock and Dakota Philip Martin. Magnolia Bank Executive Vice President H.Y. Davis and President Ron Sanders, back row, made the presentations. Scholarship recipients not pictured are Mari Jessi O'Bryan, Breea Kirkpatrick and Jaxon Scott Boley.



East Hardin Middle School students receiving the Magnolia Bank Preparing for Success Scholarships include, from left, Jena Marie Wright, Mary Elizabeth Worrill, Alecia Nicole Hatfield, Morgan Brooke Lewis, Mallory Paige Cox, Alicia Faith Nadeau, Nathaniel Rush Settle and Garrett Joseph Hatfield. Executive Vice President H.Y. Davis and President Ron Sanders, back row, made the presentations.

At West Hardin Middle School, Magnolia Bank Executive Vice President H.Y. Davis, left, and President Ron Sanders, right, presented scholarship awards to Bethany Nicole Bigler and Renico Antonio Cephas.



Magnolia Bank awards Hardin and LaRue students Preparing For Success Scholarships

On March 8, 20 sixth-grade students from Hardin and LaRue counties were awarded the fifth annual Magnolia Bank Preparing for Success Scholarships. Students were asked to write an essay telling what would make a great career and how they plan to pursue that career.

"The goal of this program is to get kids and their families talking about college early. We want to help students in our area get off to a good start saving for their future," said Stefanie Rock, vice president at Magnolia Bank.

The winners, along with their parents and teachers, were treated to a pizza party at Mr. Gatti's in Elizabethtown. At the awards ceremony, Ron Sanders, president of Magnolia Bank, and Executive Vice President H.Y. Davis presented each scholarship recipients with a T-shirt, book bag, award certificate and a \$100 certificate of deposit with Magnolia Bank.

For information about the Magnolia Bank Preparing for Success program, call Stefanie Rock at 358-3111.

KSP offering scholarships

The Kentucky State Police is now accepting applications from Kentucky high school seniors who are interested in qualifying for \$1,000 scholarships that can be used for education expenses beginning in the fall.

To be considered, students must submit all application materials, which are available on the KSP website, www.kentuckystatepolice.org, by April 1.

"The Trooper Island Scholarship Fund is an outgrowth of our summer camp for underprivileged children, which has been in operation for 45 years," says KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer. "Although it is aimed at those who attended Trooper Island Camp as a youngster, the program is open to all graduating seniors in Kentucky who plan to attend a college or

technical/vocational school this fall."

Trooper Island is a free summer camp for under-privileged boys and girls ages 10 to 12 operated by the Kentucky State Police on Dale Hollow Lake in Clinton County. It is financed entirely by donations; no public funds are used. Each year, the camp hosts approximately 700 children, providing good food, fresh air, recreation, guidance and structured, esteem-building activities designed to build good citizenship and positive relationships with law enforcement officers.

Financial contributions, payable to the Trooper Island Scholarship Fund, can be sent to Kentucky State Police Public Affairs Branch, 919 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. For more information, call (502) 782-1780.

Nolin RECC offers scholarships

Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, A Touchstone Energy Cooperative, will award \$7,000 in scholarship funds to area students.

Nolin promotes higher education by awarding six \$1,000 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors and one \$1,000 scholarship to an adult who is continuing their education at a vocational school or college.

The cooperative provides electricity to approximately 33,000 members in Hardin, LaRue and seven surrounding counties.

Applicants must be from the Nolin RECC service area, and their parents or legal guardians must be a Nolin RECC member whose primary residence is in

the Nolin RECC service territory. Adults applying for the continuing education scholarship must be members of Nolin RECC living in the cooperative service area. Previous scholarship winners, Nolin RECC employees, directors or anyone receiving direct benefits from the co-op and members of their immediate families are not eligible for any scholarship awards.

Scholarship forms may be obtained from high school guidance counselors, the Nolin RECC offices in Elizabethtown and Radcliff, or through the cooperative's website, www.nolinrecc.com.

For information, call Patsy Whitehead at 765-6153.

The deadline for entry is April 1.

WKU

Powell named regional finalist in journalism competition

Jacqui Powell of Elizabethtown, a student at Western Kentucky University, was one of several WKU student journalists and broadcasters to be chosen as finalists in the Society of Professional Journalists' Region 5 Mark of Excellence Awards competition. She

won Television In-Depth Reporting, with WKU News Channel 12.

Awards will be presented at the SPJ Region 5 spring conference on April 13 and 14 in Indianapolis. First-place regional winners will advance to the national round of the SPJ competition.

Smith recognized as Scholar of the Week

Natalie Smith, a student at Central Hardin High School, was recognized as Scholar of the Week during the 2011-12 academic year by Western Kentucky University's Honors College. One high school student is recognized each week in the program. At the end of the semester, one student is chosen to receive a Scholar of the Week scholarship.

Created in 2007, the Honors College at WKU provides an intimate, highly selective learning environment where college-age gifted and high-achieving students can develop the skills to prepare them for success in the nation's top academic and career opportunities. For information, call (270) 745-2081.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN

Best named to Dean's List at Kentucky Wesleyan

Cassandra Best, daughter of Pamela Best of Radcliff, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro. To be eligible for the

Dean's List, students must attain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale while carrying at least 12 hours. Best is a senior middle grades education major.

OXFORD COLLEGE

Challappa named to Honor List of Oxford College

Ramya Challappa of Elizabethtown, daughter of Dr. Krishnan Challappa and Dr. Srikala Challappa, was named to the Honor List of Oxford College, the two-year liberal arts division of Emory

University located in Oxford, Ga., for the 2011 fall semester. Students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher to be named to the Honor List.

ECTC

ECTC to offer ACT prep classes

Elizabethtown Community and Technical College will offer ACT prep courses in April. Individual classes are structured to give attention to each of the four subject areas – English, math, reading and science – or students may choose to take the ACT overview, offering custom-designed tutoring and practical advice on all four subjects.

Upcoming ACT preparation courses will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on the following dates: overview, April 5; math, April 9;

English, April 11; Science, April 12; Reading, April 13.

All ACT prep course are \$39 each. Registration deadline is seven days prior to class start date.

For information or to enroll, call Workforce Solutions at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College at 706-8702, toll-free at 1-877-246-2322, ext. 68702 or visit online at www.elizabethtown.kctcs.edu and click on the Workforce Solutions tab.

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Creating New Worlds

The Art of Video Games

When the first home video games for general use came out 40 years ago, artists didn't have much to work with. They had just a few pixels (PIKS-uhls), or points of light on the computer screen, to "paint" with.

But video game art took off like a rocket, changing almost overnight. Today, game artists mix technology with traditional art forms, including writing, painting, sculpture and music, to create a brand-new type of art.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is the first major museum to look at video games as a form of art.

The Mini Page talked with Chris Melissinos, the curator (KHUR-ay-tur), or person in charge, of this exhibit.



"Combat" was the first game for the Atari Video Computer System, coming out in 1977.



Early games

In the 1970s and early 1980s, there were limits to what video game technology could do. Designers weren't able to tell the full stories they may have pictured in their minds. Players used their imagination to fill in the gaps of the story.

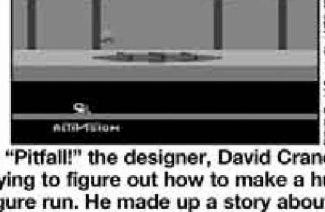
For example, in Atari's game "Combat," two players control tanks, jets and biplanes. Instead of a battlefield, the game uses a plain green screen with rough battle lines and dividers drawn in. "Combat" does not include a story. Players invent their own story. This is part of the fun.

Players bounce ammunition off the walls and dividers. This adds something else to think about. "Combat" players learn to use strategy to defeat their opponent.

Filling in the blanks

Designers had to be creative to get around the low technology. For example, in "Donkey Kong," there weren't enough pixels available for the designer, Shigeru Miyamoto, to create a whole face. So he took out one pixel between Mario's nose and mouth.

Because the background was black, that empty space looked like a black mustache. Mario still has it today.



In "Pitfall!" the designer, David Crane, was trying to figure out how to make a human figure run. He made up a story about why the man was running. That led to the first adventure game with a human-like figure.

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy loves the artwork of her favorite video game. See if you can find:

- snail • bandage • ladder • letter E
- needle • sock • pencil • broom
- heart • book • kite • owl • scissors



Rookie™ Rookie Cookie's Recipe Honey Cinnamon Carrots

You'll need:

- 3 cups baby carrots
- canola oil cooking spray
- salt and pepper
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

What to do:

1. Cut carrots in half lengthwise.
2. Spray a rimmed baking pan with canola oil cooking spray. Spread carrots in a single layer on the pan. Spray carrots.
3. Sprinkle carrots with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Broil for 10 to 11 minutes, stirring halfway through.
5. Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl. Pour mixture over carrots and coat evenly.
6. Broil for 2 more minutes until carrots are tender.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.



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Meet Tommy Tallarico



Tommy Tallarico has composed or been sound designer for the music in more than 300 video games. He is co-founder of the concert tour "Video Games Live."

Some of the games Tommy has worked on include "Earthworm Jim," "Advent Rising," "Aladdin," "Scooby Doo" and "The SpongeBob Squarepants Movie." He hosted, wrote and co-produced the TV series "The Electric Playground," a news show about video games. He has also co-produced albums of video game music.

Tommy, 44, was born in Orange County, Calif. He became interested in composing music when he was 9, after watching the movie "Star Wars." When he was in his early 20s, he got a job as a games tester at a video game company. He began composing music for those games.

Tommy works for several charities, including those that protect animals and encourage students in their musical careers. He loves photography, cooking, Beethoven, playing baseball and traveling.

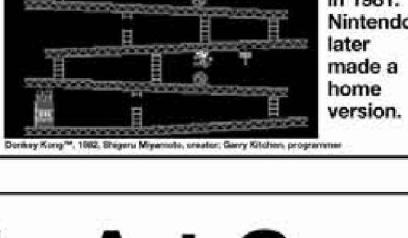
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To the next level

It took David Crane about 1,000 hours to write the coding for the first "Pitfall!" game in 1982. Later games in which a player has to avoid dangers have been built on Crane's original programming.

"Donkey Kong" was the first video game in which a whole story was played out. An ape captures a girl, and the hero, now known as Mario, has to try to rescue her.

As Mario chases Donkey Kong from level to level, he has to jump and climb moving platforms, or raised stages. This type of game is called a platformer game.



"Donkey Kong" began in arcades in 1981. Nintendo later made a home version.

Leaping Forward



"Pac-Man" came out in video game arcades in 1981. Players have to get Pac-Man through a maze while he either runs from ghosts or tries to eat them. This image is from the home game.

A story in the game

The arcade version of "Pac-Man" was the first game to stop and tell a story between levels of game-playing. These stories between levels are called cut-scenes or in-game movies.

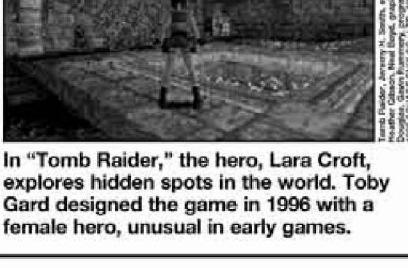
The player has no control over the story in cut-scenes. It is a story thrown in for fun or background.

"Pac-Man" told the story about Pac-Man and the ghosts chasing each other in three acts. The home version of "Pac-Man" did not have cut-scenes.

Storytelling

Today, the technology has become so good that game creators can tell a complete story during the game-playing. The art is so detailed that it can feel as if the player is in a movie.

In video games, unlike in other media such as movies, the player controls part of the story. The creator still controls how the story begins and ends, but the player can take side trips to explore the world where the story takes place.



In "Tomb Raider," the hero, Lara Croft, explores hidden spots in the world. Toby Gard designed the game in 1996 with a female hero, unusual in early games.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Gary: How were the animals entertained in the Great Flood?



Giselle: They played video games in Noah's Arcade!

Ginger: What is Dr. Jekyll's favorite video game?

Gaston: Hyde and seek!

Gordon: What age group enjoys playing video games?



Ginny: Kideos!



Basset Brown™ The News Hound's Video Game Art FIND

Words that remind us of video game art are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find:

ADVENTURE, APE, ARCADES, COMPUTER, CONTROL, DESIGNERS, GAMES, HERO, LEVEL, MOVIE, PIXEL, PLATFORMING, PLAY, PLAYER, PROGRAMMING, ROLE, SCENE, STORY, TECHNOLOGY, VIDEO.

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Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

On the Web:

- americanart.si.edu/taovg
- youtube.com/watch?v=w0ERL20rlU

At the library:

- "The Art of Video Games: From Pac-Man to Mass Effect" by Chris Melissinos and Patrick O'Rourke
- "The Electrifying, Action-Packed, Unusual History of Video Games" by Thomas James Maltman

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